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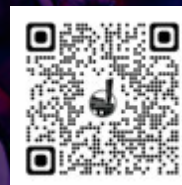
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Little Mermaid leaves audience speechless

Actors, effects at Wagon Wheel are awe-inspiring

It's December 1989; I'm about to turn 4 years old, and my mom and I are out on a girls' night at the movies.

We are sitting in the middle of the theater. The lights go dark, and a little red-haired mermaid swims onto the screen. I am mesmerized. I go home singing Ariel's familiar ascending vocal motif, and don't stop. I think I may have gone through two copies of that soundtrack on

cassette after I got it for Christmas because I wore it out.



Curtain Call

ALICIA RODENBECK

Thirty-four years later, there's a new mermaid on screen and a theatrical production of the beloved film on stage at the Wagon Wheel Theatre in War-

saw. Now, I have a 6-year-old daughter to accompany me to the theater.

I was not alone in taking my child to see *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, playing at The Wagon Wheel through June 10. I would estimate that at least 25 percent of the audience was under age 10, and the princess and mermaid costumes were out in full force.

But why does it matter that there were children present? Because experiencing this show through the eyes of the young audience members was truly magical, much like the production. The Wagon Wheel pulled out all the stops on this production, and you could tell, even before the first chord, that it was going to be an amazing experience.

SETTING THE SCENE

For any who have not been to The Wagon Wheel, it is an arena style, circular stage in the center with four aisles used for entrances and exits. When we entered the theater my daughter exclaimed, "Mommy, it looks like an aquarium!" and she

wasn't wrong.

Ray Zupp's scenic design is very reminiscent of the reef tanks that you would see in the Living Seas at Epcot. There is color and movement, as well as ruins to allude to both the pillars of the world above and King Triton's undersea palace below.

ACTORS GET LOST IN ROLES

When the lights went down, in the dim, aqua light coming from the stage, my daughter spotted something in the aisle beside us. It was Ariel (Jessica Chunta in her Wagon Wheel debut). Then, suddenly, Ariel lifted off and swam, really swam, through the air, eliciting audible excited gasps from the very young members of the audience.

Chunta's Ariel is flawless, bubbly and sweet but full of attitude and, at the appropriate times, longing. Chunta shines through the whole show, embracing her physicality in Act 2 when she has no voice and vocally soaring through each of her songs when she does. Her performance of "Part of Your World" easily rivals Jodie Benson's or Halle Bailey's. It was so good that even my daughter's Ariel doll clapped. Incredibly, it was performed predominantly in the air, which is a real accomplishment given the difficulty of the vocals required for the piece.

And what is a princess without her prince? From the moment Prince Eric takes the stage, Brooks Andrew (returning for his second season at The Wagon Wheel) exudes charm and royal bearing. His velvety voice oozes with longing in "Her Voice," and the chemistry that Andrew and Chunta share is marvelous. "One Step Closer" in Act 2 sees the two ballroom dancing while Ariel is unable to speak. There's such a beautiful connection between the characters in this moment as Andrew's gentle manner and charm really shine.

Fabulous airborne antics are also provided by Caleb McArthur as the bird Scuttle. His takeoffs and landings and zany characterization were spot on. McArthur does an excellent job channeling the physicality of Scuttle, embracing the big belly and feet and using his costume pieces to great comic effect. His tapping



PHOTO BY SCOTT MICHAELS

Disney's The Little Mermaid, starring Brooks Andrew and Jessica Chunta, continues at Wagon Wheel Center for the Arts in Warsaw through June 10.

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

2 and 7 p.m. Thursday, June 8
8 p.m. Friday, June 9
7 p.m. Saturday, June 10
Wagon Wheel Center
2515 E. Center St., Warsaw
\$30-\$60 • (574) 267-8041

in "Positooty" to kick off Act 2 is spectacular.

The familiar ensemble numbers "Under the Sea" and "Kiss the Girl" from the movie are energetically lead by Jamal Stone as Sebastian and feature many colorful creature costumes. What I find particularly remarkable about the ensemble is the way they physicalize being under the water, even while performing in big musical numbers. Each creature finds ways to move as their creature would if it were weightless under the water. For the mermaids, this almost appeared as belly dancing, but Flotsam and Jetsam (Brady Foley and Ari Barmour) moved in a fluid but occasionally whip-like manner, much as an actual eel does.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the excellent performances by Marcus A. Brooks as a doting, overprotective King Triton, and Abby Menocal as his wicked, power-hungry sister Ursula. Menocal's performance was saucy and flippant, and her interactions with Chunta were prickly in the best way. Brooks performs passionately when

portraying both fury and desolation. His heartfelt performances in "If Only (Triton's Lament)" and the "If Only (Quartet)" really tug at the heartstrings of the audience.

AMAZING EFFECTS

The flying system, provided by ZFX, is an amazing asset to the show and is not abused but carefully placed to enhance the performance.

Prince Eric being thrown overboard during the shipwreck is staged with spectacular effect: the ship literally breaks apart beneath Eric's feet as he is lifted and tumbles in the air in slow motion. Ariel's transformation is also performed airborne while the tiny eyes of young audience members look on in awe.

My daughter loved the show much as I did the animated movie so many years ago.

When I asked her what the best part was, she replied, "I loved the new music, there were so many new things and new songs that aren't in the movie."

And very much like I did all those years ago she rode much of the way home singing that familiar vocalise.

Parents, take your children to see live theater. Let them be awestruck by seeing the characters they love brought to life before their eyes. Help your little ones to embrace performances that aren't on a screen.

Disney's The Little Mermaid at The Wagon Wheel in Warsaw is the perfect way to start.

Music, food make RibFest a can't-miss event

Family-friendly event
back at Headwaters for
26th year on June 15-18

BY ANTHONY GADSON
WHATZUP EDITOR

Celebrity chef Guy Fieri has his triple-D with his show *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*. Well, Fort Wayne's RibFest has its own triple-B with Blues, Brews, and Barbecue.

"It always rolled off the tongue pretty well, saying, 'It's the ultimate in blues, brew, and barbecue,'" RibFest co-executive director Mark Chappius said.

Well, those three beautiful B's return to Headwaters Park for the 26th annual BBQ RibFest from Thursday-Saturday, June 15-18.

GET YOUR FILL

According to Chappius, ribmasters have repeatedly told him how impressed they are by the demand they see here.

"They tell us that Fort Wayne has been one of their best shows," he said. "They're ecstatic to come back each year."

So what is it make RibFest so popular in the Summit City?

"It's like someone said in an interview, 'Making barbecue is hard,'" he said.

There's no doubt about that. Sure, there might be grillmasters out there, but making good barbecue is a whole other beast. It takes hours to smoke the meat. Even after plenty of practice (and plenty of wasted meat), you're not going to get the flavor achieved by national ribmasters that you'll see at Headwaters Park.

"These guys are competing week in and week out, so they pretty much have it down to a science," Chappius said.

This year's "scientists" include Desperado's out of Hinkley, Ohio; Porky Chicks BBQ of Fayetteville, Arkansas; Cowboys of Fort Worth, Texas; Pigfoot of Mentor, Ohio; Big Boned BBQ of Ravenel, South Carolina; Carolina Rib King of Spartansburg, South Carolina; and Timmy's



COURTESY PHOTO

Ally Venable Band will be among the musical acts at this year's BBQ RibFest at Headwaters Park.

of Huntertown.

STRONG MUSICAL LINEUP

While you're enjoying that great grub, you'll also have a chance to hear some great music.

The musical slate includes some jazz, tribute bands, and, of course, blues, headlined by Ally Venable Band on Saturday night. If the name looks familiar, Venable played at Embassy Theatre in February with Buddy Guy and Eric Gales.

"Ally Venable's been on tour recently with Buddy Guy and Kenny Wayne Shepherd," Chappius said. "So she looks like she might be one of the anointed ones."

The festival music begins with another young musician on the rise when Erin Coburn takes the stage at 6:45 p.m. on Thursday.

"She's really an amazing artist," Chappius said of Coburn, who was in town in December to play at Baker Street Centre. "She kind of reminds me of Pink a little bit. She really likes to get right in there and mix it up. She's not an all-blues musician at all."

Following Coburn on Thursday will be Journey tribute band E5C4P3 out of Cleveland.

"We've kind of joined that tribute bandwagon a little bit too because there's some great tributes out there, which we have two of this year," Chappius said.

The second tribute band, Lynyrd Skynyrd enthusiasts Freebird, close out Friday, following Hip Pocket of Fort Wayne and Scotty Bratcher.

Ahead of Venable on Saturday is a full slate of music, beginning with local jazz-fusion band Los Galaxy at 12:30 p.m. Set the Hook and The Jimi Vincent Band follow, setting the stage for Venable at 8:45 p.m.

On Sunday there will be a Fort Wayne All-Stars Blues Jam.

"It's G-Money and Lee Lewis, so it's a couple of the local guys that have been real big in the blues scene over the years," Chappius said.

SAUCY

Whatever you're looking for, RibFest is sure to deliver ... even if it's something you don't

BBQ RIBFEST

11:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17

11:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, June 18

MUSICAL LINEUP

Thursday, June 15

6:45 p.m.: Erin Coburn

8 p.m.: E5C4P3

Friday, June 16

5:30 p.m.: Hip Pocket

7 p.m.: Scotty Bratcher

8:45 p.m.: Freebird

Saturday, June 17

12:30 p.m.: Los Galaxy

3 p.m.: Set the Hook

6:30 p.m.: Jimi Vincent Band

8:45 p.m.: Ally Venable Band

Sunday, June 18

1 p.m.: Fort Wayne All-Stars Blues Jam

Headwaters Park

333 S. Clinton St., Fort Wayne

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really need (barbecue sauce).

Sure, a flavorful dip is nice, but these folks spend a lot of time to cook flavor into the meat. So maybe taste it before dousing it in sauce.

"You got this beautiful smoke ring, they've been smoking these ribs for three to four hours, the brisket eight hours, up to 18 hours," Chappius said. "Then a lot of the Midwestern people just want to cover it up with goopy barbecue sauce and kind of cover up the smoke and rub flavor. Really, with the smoke and rub flavor, you really don't need the sauce. But people get acclimated to a certain way."

While sauces might be looked down upon, rest assured the ribmasters will have theirs on hand to purchase.

And sauce or not, the festival is all about having a good time.

"By the time you get some great barbecue in front of you and some cold drinks and kick back to some good music, it really doesn't put you in a fighting mood," Chappius said.

"Gnawing on a bone with some good smoked meat, it doesn't get any better."



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Celebrate 50 years of Kansas at Embassy

Progressive rock band brings Another Fork in the Road tour to town

BY WHEAT WILLIAMS
WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The band Kansas have been a mainstay of American rock. They bring their 50th anniversary *Another Fork in the Road* tour to Embassy Theatre in Fort Wayne on June 16.

In 1974, led by founding members Phil Ehart on drums and Rich Williams on guitar, Kansas planted a flag in the U.S. for British-influenced progressive rock, intricate and contrapuntal. Billy Greer, with them since 1985, is on bass and vocals.

MEMBERS CHANGE, SOUND REMAINS

There have been many forks in Kansas' road. Founding member Steve Walsh, one of the finest, most expressive singers in rock and a master of the Hammond organ, retired in 2014. Since then, the singer has been Ronnie Platt. Keyboardist Tom Brislin joined in 2018.

Violin as the lead instrument is a signature of Kansas' sound. Their violinist for most of the past 32 years, David Ragsdale, abruptly departed last month. Joe Deninzon replaces him.

Despite getting their start in the '70s, Kansas are not a nostalgia act. Following Walsh's retirement, another fork in the road brought them renewed vigor.

In 2016, they released *The Prelude Implicit*, which hit No. 5 on Billboard's Top Rock Albums chart. This was courtesy of new member guitarist Zak Rizvi, who became their main songwriter. Rizvi had spent years writing songs in Kansas' style, and with the band, they moved on to their next strength.

Tom Brislin joined in 2018 and began co-writing with Rizvi. The ensuing album, *The Absence of Presence*, was released in 2020 just as the world locked down. Hailed as Kansas' strongest album in decades, it cracked the Top 10 on Billboard's Album Sales chart.

They also released a two-hour live album from their 2019 tour, *Point of Know Return Live & Beyond*.



COURTESY PHOTO

Kansas will bring their distinctive sound to Embassy Theatre on Friday, June 16.

NEW ALBUM AMID PANDEMIC

It's clear to Kansas fans that Rizvi and Brislin are not usurpers. The new material is as Kansas as Kansas has ever been.

But the pandemic caused a lot of musicians to re-evaluate priorities, and Rizvi decided to leave in 2021.

"(Being sidelined by the pandemic) was frustrating in so many ways," Brislin said in an interview with *Whatzup*. "But with Kansas, we were really building up such a head of steam and great momentum going into the release of *The Absence of Presence*. It's a shame that we weren't touring, but on the bright side, we were still able to put that out and communicate with our audience. And since everyone was home, a lot of people got to really know that album."

"By the time we came back out and started playing some of the songs live, a good number of the audience was already familiar and welcomed those songs into the set."

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

If you'll permit me to shift to the first person, when I heard that Kansas were touring again, I jumped at the chance to cover this story because I wanted to speak with the new kid, whose career I've followed more than 20 years.

Brislin, native to New Jersey, is about 25 years younger than the founders of Kansas. He got started in the late '90s with his post-new-wave band *Spiraling*, and graduated to

KANSAS

7:30 p.m. Friday, June 16
Embassy Theatre
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a series of high-profile world tours backing artists Meat Loaf, Yes, and Deborah Harry of *Blondie*.

Working through the international underground prog festival scene, he was instrumental in revitalizing more bands from the '70s, notably the British jazz fusion band *Camel*, and a reunion of the symphonic prog band *Renaissance*. Along the way, he has collaborated with a who's who of rock stars from the '70s through today.

In 2018, after a year with super-group *The Sea Within*, based in Sweden, Brislin got the call from Phil Ehart, inviting him to join Kansas. At last, the sideman for all seasons was a full band member. He even sings lead on his own, "The Song the River Sang," which closes out *The Absence of Presence*.

Brislin is known for his acoustic piano work along with analog synthesizer textures. With Kansas, he's rededicated to the Hammond organ as well.

"Through the years, I became someone who really loved to dig deep into the parts of songs and the sounds of the songs," he said. "When I toured with Meat Loaf, and Yes, and Camel, part of the fun for me was to explore what

those original recordings had going on.

"With Kansas, I thought that it was a good starting point for me to go back and try to faithfully recreate what so many people have listened to for so many years and is very special and precious to them. But at the same time, I want to put something live into the show. So it's not like you're just playing an album at a concert. People want to be in the moment for something real and live. So I've had to pick my moments on when I can take a left turn here and there, or put my own flavor into something. But still with staying true to the sound and the spirit of Kansas."

'IMMERSED IN THE KANSAS LIFE'

On this tour, Kansas has put together a retrospective spanning their 16 studio albums, and Brislin had to do a lot of woodshedding.

"This music is deceptively challenging," he said. "What's funny is that some people only know 'Dust in the Wind' or 'Carry On Wayward Son,' and they think that's what the whole band is about. And of course, those are crucial parts of the band's story, but there's a lot of really daunting compositional work, and I really had to do my homework! But the good news is that I was pretty much raised on progressive rock music, so I knew the ropes and I knew what I had to do."

"Kansas (for me) is full-time, full speed ahead," he added. "I'm the musical director of the band now. I'm very immersed in the Kansas life."

Slam City brings stunts downtown

Festival will celebrate action sports with day of fun at Lawton Park

BY SHELBY PRICE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

The sun is finally out to stay, which means summer activities are on the way!

Are you a fan of skating? How about BMX? Or maybe you just enjoy supporting your local community. Regardless of which you choose, the Slam City Skatepark Action Sports & Music Festival is an awesome opportunity to get out and enjoy the town.

On June 17, Fourth Street next to Lawton Skatepark just north of downtown Fort Wayne will be closed for the event.

GETTING ITS START

"In July of 2015, we brought the first ever Action Sports and Music Festival to Fort Wayne on Calhoun Street near the Oyster Bar and CS3," Slam City co-owner Rich Hoppe said. "The festival was a success, and the local media embraced the event with coverage from several outlets.

"This year, we plan to bring back the annual festival. We will hold a BMX contest inside of the skate park. We will also set up a freestyle motocross jumping obstacle on Fourth Street with pro riders doing demonstrations, also a professional flatland BMX demo."

And it won't all be biking and skating.

"The event will include local food flavors, and musical entertainment by a friend of the skate park, Dwan Porter (DJ Dap One), a fellow skateboarder with a local DJ presence."

BRAXTON CHASE MCGUIRE FUND

I spoke with Hoppe about what this festival means to him.

He said that not only is this an awesome opportunity to come out and enjoy some incredible professionals within the skating community, but also to support a company that is all for taking care of our youth. Part of the proceeds from the festival will go to the Braxton Chase McGuire Fund.

"In memory of Braxton Chase McGuire, we have started a fund to raise awareness for those troubled by mental health and/or substance abuse problems," a statement on Slam City's website reads. "We plan to use these funds to engage our community with fun and engaging events while we continue to tell Braxton's story."

McGuire died in December at the age of 18.

In a video on the site, Hoppe tells the story of McGuire, who was introduced to Slam City Skatepark after losing his father. After moving from Colorado at 14 or 15 years old, he was introduced to Hoppe by his aunt. Taking the



PHOTOS BY MATT HAKEY

BMX stunts will be on full display at the Slam City Skatepark Action Sports & Music Festival.

SLAM CITY SKATEPARK ACTION SPORTS & MUSIC FESTIVAL

3 p.m. Saturday, June 17

Lawton Park

1900 N. Clinton St., Fort Wayne

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young man who was in different surroundings under his wing, Hoppe would ride around the park and town with him.

"These sports transcend ages," Hoppe says in the video while getting emotional. "When you're riding with someone, it doesn't matter the age or skill level, you kind of create a little bond."

McGuire went missing in March 2022. His family searched for him until he was found deceased in Indianapolis in December.

"We get to see a lot of kids come through here in all states, all ages, all backgrounds, all colors, all everything, and we love them all," he says. "Everybody has their own challenges in life."

FULL SLATE OF ACTIVITIES

What can you expect at this festival?

Gates open at 3 p.m. with the FMX performance kicking things off. LFDF TV with Robert Routley will perform some insane tricks such as a 35-foot high jump over a 75-foot gap. There will be two shows for this, one at 4 p.m. and the other at 6 p.m.

There will be flatland BMX tricks at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Hoppe describes these performances as ballet-esque with lots of balancing and very technical tricks. Bill Nitschke of Wonder Wheels BMX will be putting on this performance.



Along with these crazy performances will be DJs such as Dap One, with other musical artists, food vendors, and local artists and vendors.

To end the event, there will be a non-traditional BMX contest geared toward fun with a cool prize up for grabs.

Slam City's mission is, "To provide a safe, legal and positive recreational opportunity for multi-aged locals to grow their BMX/skating skills, while building self-confidence and enriching their lives by becoming a part of a unique community."

Ticket prices will be \$10 at the door only. Family rates will be available as well. No pre-sale tickets will be available.

If you are unable to attend this event, keep your eye out for the Art in the Skate Park with food, skating, and artwork the following weekend at Slam City, 1412 S. Anthony Blvd.

Quick Hits LOCAL EVENTS



BACK TO THE BRICKS

11 A.M.-10 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 10
DOWNTOWN AUBURN

Car enthusiasts will want to head to downtown Auburn on June 10 for Back to the Bricks.

The tour is scheduled to begin arriving from Adrian, Michigan, at 11 a.m. with more than 300 cars eventually lining the streets of downtown.

To celebrate the city's automotive history, cars from every generation will be on display, from Model Ts and convertibles to trucks and Corvettes and just about everything in between.

In addition to the cars, there will be a '60s Retro Hippie Market at the James Cultural Plaza for those looking for unique gifts and items and a Historic Walking Tour will show off this special county seat.

Food trucks will be on hand as well as live music from Austin Marsh, Jade Witt, Royce White, The Dee Bee's, and Todd Staszak. — Chris Hupe

DAMIEN JURADO

10 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14
THE BRASS RAIL

With 25 years of performing and 18 full-length albums behind him, Damien Jurado seems to just keep getting better with age.

His latest release, *Reggae Film Star*, is chock full of the catchy, heartfelt songs we have come to love from this storyteller and has been heralded as one of the best of his career.



With such a large catalog from which to choose, the prolific Jurado will have no shortage of material to present as he returns to the stage at The Brass Rail on Wednesday, June 14.

It will be a special night for fans to reconnect with this criminally underappreciated singer-songwriter.

Chris Pureka will open the show. — Chris Hupe

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Hornsby celebrating *Spirit Trail* at Clyde

Renowned pianist and singer-songwriter **Bruce Hornsby** has mapped out a 2023 summer tour that includes a stop at The Clyde on the evening of Sunday, Sept. 17.

Hornsby and his longtime band The Noisemakers are celebrating 25 years of *Spirit Trail*, often mentioned as one of Hornsby's best albums. This landmark 1998 album was Hornsby's sixth studio effort and includes a few songs that have become staples of his live shows, including "King of the Hill," "Great Divide," "Sunflower Cat (Some Dour Cat)," and "Fortunate Sun."

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As an added bonus, each ticket will include a copy of the *Spirit Trail: 25th Anniversary Edition* 3-CD box set to be picked up at the show.

Reserved seating is on sale online at clydetheatre.com, over the phone at (800) 514-3849, or in person at The Clyde box office and Sweetwater Sound.

Catch some jazz at Botanical Conservatory

On Saturday, July 15, from 6-10 p.m., Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory will host Jazzworks!, an evening of live music on the conservatory terrace.

The event will have you grooving to the jazz stylings of **Alicia Pyle & The Locals**, **Ty Causey**, and **The Mad Scatter**.

There will also be food and beverages available for purchase from Mad Anthony Brewing Company. All you need to do is bring a lawn chair and dancing shoes.

Plus, it's the same night as the Three Rivers Festival fireworks finale, which will make for a perfect backdrop while soaking in some smooth tunes.

This is an all-ages event with a \$10 cover.

Two-day Roots festival set for downtown

In addition to Jazzworks!, the Conservatory will host Botanical Roots Music Fest on Aug. 4-5 that will feature music from a wide range of regional heritages and cultural backgrounds.

Friday evening will consist of zydeco and reggae music by **C.J. Chenier & The Red Hot Louisiana Band**, **Lazzo & Exodus**, **U.R.B.**, and **Los Galaxy** from 5-11 p.m. and run you \$15.

Saturday is a full day of music for \$20 from noon-11 p.m. with blues, Americana, and folk with **Mississippi Heat**, **Debutants**, **Grace Theisen & The Rebel Eves**, **G-Money Band**, **Rosalind & The Way**, **Phil's Family Lizard**, and **A Picker and A Grinner**.

If you plan on attending both days, there is a two-day



COURTESY PHOTO

Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers will be at The Clyde Theatre on Sept. 17.

ticket for \$30. In any event, this is a great lineup and something you won't want to miss!

Embassy welcoming in Ashanti

On Friday, Oct. 13, at 8 p.m., you will have the chance to spend the evening with Grammy-winning artist **Ashanti** at Embassy Theatre.

Ashanti achieved early success by being a part of two smash hits in 2002 when she was featured on Fat Joe's "What's Luv?" and Ja Rule's "Always on Time." Both hits became two of the biggest songs of the year. She followed that by releasing her self-titled debut album which earned several awards and certified triple platinum in the U.S.

Tickets for Ashanti are available at ticketmaster.com, fwembassytheatre.org, and at the STAR Bank box office at the Embassy.

Mighty Ducks star coming to Piere's

On Friday, June 30, at 8 p.m., Piere's welcomes actor and comedian **Shaun Weiss** to the stage.

You are probably asking yourself, "Who is Shaun Weiss?" Well, there is a good chance you've seen him on the big screen in the '90s as goalie Greg Goldberg in all three *Mighty Ducks* movies. He also appeared in *Heavyweights* and a handful of TV shows like *Boy Meets World*, *The King of Queens*, and *Freaks and Geeks*.

Tickets available now via etix.com.

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Quick Hit LOCAL EVENT

THE INDIANA MUSIC MARATHON '23

5:30 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 10 • PIERE'S

Piere's Entertainment Center will host the first Indiana Music Marathon on June 10, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Bands from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan will hit the Million Dollar Stage to showcase the area's immense talent pool. A variety of genres will light up the night in the Big Room, giving the show a national festival feel without having to drive several hours to attend it.

The nine bands on tap include Mind's Eye View from Fostoria, Ohio; Icarus Fell from Canton, Michigan; Chelation from northeast Indiana; 10 Gauge Rage from Battle Creek, Michigan; As the Ember Burns from Lima, Ohio; Perfect Fall; Earth Below Us; Fearless; and Sahara.

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Philharmonic unveils 80th season lineup

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic recently announced its 2023-24 concert season, promising their 80th year will be “Bigger. Bolder. Together.” as they move their shows from Embassy Theatre to Auer Performance Hall at Purdue University Fort Wayne.



News and Venues

JEN POIRY PROUGH

“The Fort Wayne Philharmonic’s 2023-24 season is one that has given me an incredible amount of joy in planning,” Music Director Andrew Constantine said. “Not only does it offer us the opportunity to present to you some of the greatest music ever written, we’ll also be hosting a truly outstanding array of guest artists and soloists in a welcoming and comfortable environment. I can’t wait to share with you a journey that will help shape the Philharmonic’s new and exciting future!”

The season kicks off with a special event as the orchestra plays alongside *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* on Sept. 16. Other special events include a new series, *The Sound of Innovation*, at Electric Works; *Never Break the Chain: The Music of Fleetwood Mac* on Sept. 23; *The Muppet Christmas Carol* on Nov. 16; *Symphony of Steel* at Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum in Auburn on Dec. 7; *Messiah* by Candlelight on Dec. 22; *The Romance of Brahms: Part I* on Feb. 2; and the fan-favorite *Bach in the Barn* from April 25-27.

The Masterworks Series gets under way Oct. 7 with Gil Shaham & *Pictures at an Exhibition* on Oct. 7, followed by Concerto for Oboe with Orion Rapp on Nov. 11, Cello Virtuoso Thomas Mesa on Jan. 20, Mozart Requiem on Feb. 17, Rachel Barton Pine & Dvořák’s 7th on March 9, Beethoven with Philippe Quint on April 13, and Fabio Bidini Plays Rachmaninoff on May 4.

On Oct. 14, the Pops Series begins with Tony- and Grammy-winner Heather Headley, a Northrop High School graduate, followed by Holiday Pops from Dec. 14-17, Byron Stripling’s Mardi Gras on Feb. 3, Sinatra and Beyond with Tony DeSare on March 23, and Go Now!: The Music of The Moody Blues on May 11.

The Brotherhood Mutual Freimann Insurance Company Series will be at History Center on Oct. 25 and Oct. 29, Jan. 24 and Jan. 28, Feb. 28 and March 3, and May 8 and May 12.

The Family Series kicks off with Día de los Muertos on Oct. 28 at PFW, Year of the Dragon: A Lunar New Year Celebration on Jan. 27 at Arts United Center, Mystery

Destination! on March 2 at PFW, and Johnny Appleseed Goes to the Symphony on April 6 at Arts United Center.

Subscription tickets go on sale July 26 and single tickets can be purchased Aug. 15.

Celebrate America with Patriotic Pops

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic has also announced the schedule for this year’s Patriotic Pops.

The free shows that celebrate the American spirit begin June 25 at Oakwood Resort in Syracuse, followed by Pokagon State Park in Angola on June 29, DeKalb Outdoor Theatre in Auburn on June 30, Parkview Field in Fort Wayne on July 1, Madison Street Plaza in Decatur on July 3, and Bixler Lake Park in Kendallville on July 4.

All the shows begin at 7:30 p.m., except the shows at Parkview Field and Bixler Lake Park start at 8:30 p.m.

Besties Brunch at Embassy Theatre

Fort Wayne Youtheatre will hold its second annual Besties Brunch at Embassy Theatre on Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event will include a brunch buffet, bottomless mimosas, pop-up shops, silent auction baskets, and heartwarming testimonials. Get tickets at artstix.org.

Shoppers ready for Vera Bradley Outlet Sale

The Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale will be June 14-18 at Memorial Coliseum with four ticketed shopping sessions Wednesday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m., with one-hour breaks in between. Non-ticketed shopping will be Saturday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.

Gene Marcus Piano Camp and Festival at PFW

Each summer, the Gene Marcus Piano Camp and Festival offers a week of performances for campers and anyone with an interest in piano and exceptional musicianship. The 2023 featured guest artist is Grammy-nominated pianist and conductor Kara Huber. All events take place in Rhinehart Recital Hall and are free and open to the public.

This year’s festival includes an opening recital on Sunday, June 11, at 5:30 p.m., a featured guest recital on Monday at 7:30 p.m., Emerging Artists Recitals on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and the final student recital on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

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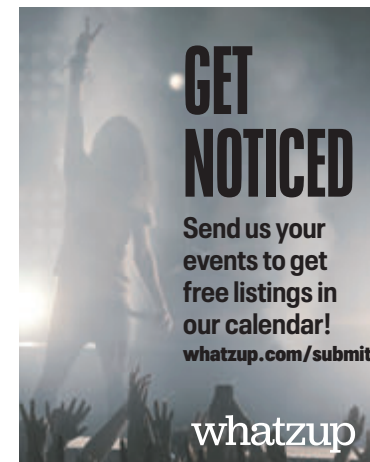
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Fill up on pizza and scares in Decatur

There's just something about enjoying a monster night with some pizza and soda. For those horror movie fans, **Famous Monster Pizza** in Decatur has you covered.

Famous Monster Pizza, 136 N. Second St., will host movies and all-you-can-eat pizza on Saturday, June 17, and Sunday, June 25. On June 17, the pizzeria will present the 2014 *Godzilla* at 10:30 p.m. during their Dark Hours Dinner Theatre. For their Sunday Matinee and June 25, they will show *Jurassic Park: The Lost World* at 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

If those dates don't work for you, they will also be showing *Crawl* on July 15 at 10:30 p.m. with a buffet.

Your \$17 admission includes the movie and pizza buffet, breadsticks, and popcorn. Alcohol and soft drinks are extra.



Off the Eaten Path

DEAN JACKSON

Famous Monster Pizza is built around classic motion picture monsters. The menu is adorned with dishes celebrating that with pizzas like the Frankenstein (featuring a little bit of everything) Poultrygeist

(that's chicken pizza, of course).

The good humor continues with their sausage rolls and stromboli. I couldn't help but smile at these wrapped delights named for movie mummies like Im Ho Tep Sausage Roll and The Scorpion King Chicken Parmesan.

The bar includes domestic and craft beers and Two-EE wines. Don't miss their classic soda fountain.

RibFest is a family-friendly affair

As we've mention, the local **BBQ RibFest** has a simple recipe for success: great barbecue, lively music, and a family-friendly atmosphere.

"The beautiful thing is that everyone loves great barbecue," co-executive director Marc Chappius said of the four-day festival at Headwaters, June 15-18.

Highlighting the festival are national BBQ wizards and a few local pitmasters working their magic and competing for awards.

Local vendors are also scattered around the park to satisfy whatever craving a barbecue lover has. Whatever style it may be — from Texas, Kansas City, Memphis, or Carolina style — they have you covered.

Don't get hung up on the ribs, because there are also brisket, pulled pork, beef, turkey, baked goods, and sweets. If you are struggling to pick, some vendors offer

platters that sample them all.

Chappius says the laid-back nature of the event and a few full bellies tend to calm the soul.

"People who come to this event over the years know they can come and have a good time, bring their families, and leave the drama behind and just have fun."

Asian eateries join local scene

There are some new Asian offerings in Fort Wayne.

- At Leo Crossing, **Thai Garden**, 10376 Leo Road, is serving up orange chicken, sushi rolls, chicken satay, tom yum, and yellow curry. They are open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

- In the Village of Coventry, swing by **Zing Cuisine** for a fast-casual option serving Asian fusion, including Korean chicken wings, Chinese dishes like orange and General Tso chicken, and Mongolian beef. The restaurant is open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday.

- Korean eatery **UNIQ BBQ & Shabu** has set up shop in Maplewood Plaza. As the name suggests, it specializes in Korean barbecue and shabu hot pot.

Alcohol sales help area organizations

Three Rivers Distilling Co., 224 Wallace St., is giving back in June.

Wednesday nights are Cocktails for a Cause. From 5:30-8:30 p.m. a portion of alcohol sales will benefit three local charities. Humane Fort Wayne was the June 7 beneficiary, June 14 is Habitat for Humanity, and June 21 is Fort Wayne Trails.

Enjoy ice cream while watching *Encanto*

Roanoke's **Jebi's Ice Cream Shoppe**, 235 N. Main St., will have a free movie night on Friday, June 16, with Disney's *Encanto*. It begins at 8 p.m. in the Eyecare Associates Parking Lot at 270 N. Main St. Jebi's will be open until 9:30 p.m.

Bravas moves out of 'pilot mode'

The new era of Bravas, 3416 Fairfield Ave., has begun.

After finishing their building and easing into operations while in "pilot mode," the eatery is holding its grand opening through Saturday, June 10.

The restaurant will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. during the grand opening.

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Live Comedy LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Jordan Jensen — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$30, (260) 844-8444

Studi07 Open Mic Comedy — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

Bored Teachers Comedy Tour — 7:30 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$35, (260) 747-0989

Davi Crimmins — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$50, (260) 426-6339

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Jordan Jensen — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$30, (260) 844-8444

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Jeff Leeson — 7 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$35, (260) 844-8444

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Open Mic Comedy Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Jamie Kennedy — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$33, (260) 844-8444

Studi07 Open Mic Comedy — 8:30 p.m., Studi07, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 312-0964

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Jamie Kennedy — 7:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$33, (260) 844-8444

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Jamie Kennedy — 7 p.m. and 9:45 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$33, (260) 844-8444

Michael Gardner w/Vixen Simone — 8 p.m., Fort Wayne Comedy Club @ 469, New Haven, \$25-\$30, (260) 426-6339

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

Boozy Brunch w/Vik Pandya — 2 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$15-\$22, (260) 844-8444

Eddie Pepitone — 8 p.m., Let's Comedy, Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 492-6064

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Open Mic Comedy Night — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 844-8444

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Brittany Schmitt — 7:30 p.m., Summit City Comedy Club, Fort Wayne, \$18-\$25, (260) 844-8444

Live Music LOCAL CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

906 Band — Rock, 6 p.m., Paige's Crossing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-5757

Andy Pauquette — Acoustic, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Chris Worth — Vocalist, 6 p.m., Monument Pizza Pub, Angola, no cover, (260) 319-4489

Dark Horse — Rock, 6 p.m., Monroeville Community Park, Monroeville, Free, (260) 615-3352

Funk/Jazz Open Jam — 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 399-6336

Hold the Line — Variety, 11:30 a.m., Freimann Square, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 427-6000

Lysaght & McRae — Acoustic variety, 6-9 p.m., Chance Bar, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 449-9099

Joe Hess Band — Country, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

New Millennium Jazz Orchestra — Jazz, 7 p.m., Kendallville Community Learning Center, Kendallville, \$5, (260) 544-3455

Smile Empty Soul w/Autumn Academy, The Stone Eye — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$20, (260) 492-6064

The Time Travelers — Variety, 7 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Festival, Noble County Courthouse Square, Albion, Free, (260) 636-2654

Tom Koenig — Acoustic, 7:30 p.m., Sylvan Cellars, Rome City, no cover, (260) 854-9463

Tronic Thursdays — EDM, 10 p.m., O'Sullivan's, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 422-5896

Unforgettable! Music of the '50s — 50s, 7 p.m., Honeywell House, Wabash, free admission, (260) 563-2326

Wayback Boys — Acoustic variety, 6:30 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

8420 Band — Classic rock, 9 p.m., Rack & Helen's, New Haven, no cover, (260) 749-5396

Basketcase — Acoustic, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

Cadence — Variety, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

Chris Hambrick — Classic rock, 8:30 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

Chris Worth & Company — R&B, 8 p.m., Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton, no cover, (260) 488-3344

Night To Remember — Variety, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

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Rylie Lynn Trio — Country/Americana, 7 p.m., Moose Lodge 242, Bluffton, no cover

Simply Queen — Queen tribute, 8 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffton, Free, (260) 824-1520

Skilla Baby — Hip-Hop, 9 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$45-\$65, (260) 492-6064

Texas Hippie Coalition w/Gravel, Seven Stones — Metal, 7:30 p.m., The Eclectic Room, Angola, \$20-\$25, (269) 625-8817

The 906 Band — Rock, 9 p.m., Latch String Bar & Grill, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 483-5526

The Be Colony — Rock, 6 p.m., Downtown Fort Wayne, The Porch Off Calhoun, Fort Wayne, Free

The DeeBee's — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

The Michael Weber Show — Rock, 7:30 p.m., Fountain Park, Van Wert, Free, (419) 238-6722

The Wingmen — Classic rock, 6 p.m., Byler Lane Winery, Auburn, no cover, (260) 920-4377

Todd Harrold & Eric Clancy — Jazz, 7 p.m., Spikes Beach Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 372-3224

We Are Checkmark — Funk/R&B, 8 p.m., American Legion Post 241, Waynedale, no cover, (260) 747-7851

Whoa, Man! — Women of rock tribute, 7 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Festival, Noble County Courthouse Square, Albion, Free, (260) 636-2654

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

28 Days — Variety, 7 p.m., Chain O'Lakes Festival, Noble County Courthouse Square, Albion, Free, (260) 636-2654

Adam Baker, Dan Dickerson & Haiden Marie, Gracie Jo, Esther Rose, A Picker & A Grinner, Shelly Dixon, Sunny Taylor, Patti Whitemoss, U.R.B., Left Lane Cruiser, Moser Woods, Grateful Groove, Wailhounds, Phil Schurger, Los Galaxy, School of Rock — Variety, 11 a.m., Solfest, Metea County Park, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 449-3777

Austin Marsh — Singer-songwriter, 5-7 p.m., Auburn City Steakhouse, Auburn, no cover, (260) 333-7337

Bela Fleck & The Flecktones — Jazz/bluegrass, 8 p.m., The Clyde Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$49.50, (260) 747-0989

Big Dick & The Penetrators — Classic rock, 7 p.m., Greg's Getaway, Woodburn, no cover, (260) 632-4017

Chris Worth — Vocalist, 9:30 p.m., Club Paradise, Angola, no cover, (260) 833-7082

Dark Horse — Rock, 2 p.m., Operation Enduring Freedom Ride, Schnelker Park, New Haven, Free, (260) 749-2212

Emery Gamble — 9 a.m.-1 p.m., YLNI Outdoor Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, Free

Fort Wayne Funk Orchestra w/Debutants — Funk/Newgrass, 8-11 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Intrepid Cat — Variety, 7 p.m., teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, no cover, (888) 260-0351

Jack Da Welty — Singer-songwriter, 4 p.m., Deer Park Irish Pub, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 432-8966

James Baker Trio — Jazz, 6:30 p.m., Ruth's Chris Steak House, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 444-5898

Mind's Eye View w/Fearless, Sahara, Icarus Fell, Chelation, 10-Gauge Rage, As the Embers Burn, Perfect Fall, Earth Below Us — Rock, 5:30 p.m., Piere's, Fort Wayne, \$15, (260) 492-6064

Red-Eye Lorelai — Variety, 9:30 p.m., Wacky Jac's, Angola, no cover, (260) 665-9071

Ron Rumbaugh — Variety, 6 p.m., Vinland Reserve Winery, Fort Wayne, no cover

Rylie Lynn Band — Country/Americana, 6 p.m., Country Heritage Winery, LaOtto, no cover, (260) 637-2980

Set the Hook — Classic rock, 7 p.m., Gordons Campground, Wolcottville, no cover, (260) 351-3383

Shannon Persinger Duo — Acoustic, 6:30 p.m., Club Soda, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-3442

The 906 Band — Rock, noon, Brandt's Harley-Davidson, Wabash, no cover, 2605636443

The DeeBee's — Variety, 5 p.m., James Cultural Plaza, Auburn, Free

The Grass Roots w/The Buckingham, The Box Tops — 60s, 8 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 427-6715

The Hambricks — Americana, 7 p.m., Mad Anthony Brewing Co., Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 426-2537

The Hudnalls — Variety, 8 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

Tom Koenig — Acoustic, 6:30 p.m., Garrett Eagles Post 1357, Garrett, no cover, (260) 357-4295

Wendell Mobley w/Lee Miller — Country, 7:30 p.m., Van Wert Live, Niswonger PAC, Van Wert, OH, \$25-\$45, (419) 238-6722

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

Dan Heath & The Paradise Band — Variety, 7 p.m., Kehoe Park, Bluffton, Free, (260) 824-1520

Jessie Mae — Singer-songwriter, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., The Ole Hitchin Post, Larwill, no cover, (260) 248-1270

Mike Conley — Acoustic, 8 a.m., Tom's Donuts, Angola, Free, (260) 665-3632

Singer-Songwriter Open Mic — 3 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 399-6336

The DeeBee's — Variety, 1 p.m., Lakelife Bar & Grill, Warsaw, no cover, (574) 244-2100

The Firewater Tent Revival — Psychedelic bluegrass, 3 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, \$10, (260) 818-6336

MONDAY, JUNE 12

G-Money & Special Guests — Blues, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

Fort Wayne Area Community Band — 7:30 p.m., Foellinger Theatre, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 427-6715

Legendary Shack Shakers w/Dexter Romweber, Viva Le Vox — Rockabilly, 8 p.m., The Ruin, Fort Wayne, \$20-\$25, (260) 399-6336

Motor Folkers — Classic rock, 7 p.m., Black Canyon Restaurant, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 203-5900

Open Acoustic Jam — Acoustic, 5 p.m., Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 432-8176

Open Mic w/JJ & McRae — 7 p.m., Curly's Village Inn, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 747-9964

Carolyn & Dave Martin — Classic hits, 6-9 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

Thirty3 Open Mic Night — 7 p.m., Thirty3, Hudson, no cover, (260) 818-6336

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

Damien Jurado w/Chris Pureka — Singer-songwriter, 10 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$16-\$19, (260) 267-5303

Old Crown Brass Band — 11:30 a.m., Music on the Plaza, ACPL: Downtown, Fort Wayne, Free, (260) 421-1200

The Hubie Ashcraft Band — Country, 5:30 p.m., Union 12, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 203-0239

Three Rivers Big Band — Jazz, 7-10 p.m., Club Room at The Clyde, Fort Wayne, no cover, (260) 747-0989

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Alexander Craig w/Left Lane Cruiser — Rock, 8:45 p.m., The Brass Rail, Fort Wayne, \$7, (260) 267-5303

Cherry Bomb — Rock, 6-9 p.m., Paige's Crossing, Columbia City, no cover, (260) 244-5757

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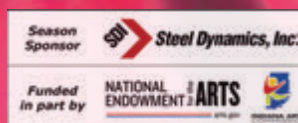
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Drummer energizing Pete Dio and The Old & Dirty

Rick Kinney debuted for local honky-tonk group on June 3 at O'Sullivan's

You may see a bigger smile on **Pete Dio's** face lately since he is now able to give his leg a rest after the announcement that his Old & Dirty band has added a drummer to the mix.

Dio, who normally plays the kick drum while singing and strumming the six-stringer, will now put his leg to ease and make way for newly added drummer **Rick Kinney** of **Moser Woods**.



"Tons of energy!" Dio said when asked what Kinney brings to the table. "Mainly, he's giving the songs more personality and much more depth to the live material than what we've had in the past with me just keeping time on the kick drum. It's like upgrading from grandma's grocery-getter to a sleek n' sexy '67 GTO."

Local Band Beat

NICK BRAUN

Pete Dio and The Old & Dirty unveiled the new lineup a few days ago at O'Sullivan's when they shared the stage with Detroit's The My Ways. Folks are still raving about how polished the band sounded that evening.

Their next show is on Thursday, June 15, at the famous Reggie's in Chicago.

Check out new Mic Strong album

Roller Dome North, The Landing, and Mercado are some of the local landmarks that can be seen on **Mic Strong's** video for "All on You."

This well-done piece features a guest spot by **Sir Porter** and can be viewed on YouTube. At last check, it had almost 40,000 views.

Even more exciting, the hip-hopper is set to release a new album titled *Outta Here* that features eight new numbers for your listening



Rick Kinney, second from right, has joined Pete Dio and The Old & Dirty on drums. From left are Mitch Fraizer, Carter Thomas, Kinney, and John Warner; seated is Pete Dio.

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pleasure. An album release party will take place on Friday, June 23, from 9-11 p.m. at Elijah's Restaurant and Bakery, 301 W. Jefferson Blvd. The release will be available on all streaming platforms, no physical copies.

In addition, Mic Strong will perform at Ripple: A Middle Waves Hype Event at Parkview Field on Saturday, June 24, and at the Fort Wayne Music Festival at Headwaters Park on July 28, opening for heavyweights Ludacris and Chingy.

Chris Hambrick prepping EP

Chris Hambrick is finishing up an EP he hopes to have in your hands here soon.

Hambrick covers all instrument duties on the new effort with friend **Adam Baker** lending a few licks in addition to mixing and producing.

Hambrick will debut the new material at the downtown library during Rock the Plaza on Saturday, July 1, with an all-star band he put together called **The Electric Bowtie**.

"It's a band name I've had in my head for a

couple decades, so I'm using for the RTP show and we'll see where it goes from there," he said.

Performing the gig will be **Timothy Becker** on guitar, **Baker** on guitar, **Jimi Marks** on bass, and **Joe Flores** on drums. Together, they will debut the new EP's sound and give you a look on what Hambrick has been working on the last year.

Stay tuned to *Whatzup* for the EP release info and be sure to check out the RTP performance. Of course, you can also catch Hambrick doing solo gigs and drumming for the **906 Band** since he is one busy dude.

New smooth rock band hits scene

MG5 is a new group hitting the scene that performs the smooth rock hits of the '70s and '80s. Pretty much all your yacht rock favorites.

The band is comprised of **Mitch Gallagher** on guitar/lead vocals, **Dan Friend** on keyboards/vocals, **Daniel Johnson** on bass/vocals, **Dave Hazen** on sax/percussion/guitar, and **Andrew Glasmacher** on drums.

The band debuted at the Roanoke First Friday Street Fair this month. As of press time, they have no other local dates booked.

Filth & Majesty throwing Rail party

Rockers **Filth & Majesty** will be throwing an album release shindig for *Eviction Party* on Saturday, July 15, at The Brass Rail.

The new album was recorded at Chipped Tooth Audio with **Dan Kinnaley**, and the band are currently mastering it and getting everything squared away art-wise. The initial release will be in digital format with CDs and hopefully vinyl coming shortly after.

Joining the release party will be **The Snarks**, **Covert Flops** out of Indianapolis, and **Lackluster**, making this a party you won't want to miss. There's a \$7 cover at the door.

The Illegals opening for Nita Strauss

The Illegals are beyond stoked to have found themselves as one of the opening acts for guitar whiz **Nita Strauss** on Friday, June 23, at The Eclectic Room in Angola.

This is an all-ages show with a start time of 7:30 p.m., so make sure to plan accordingly and get up close, raise the devil horns, and cheer on the locals.

The Nita Strauss Summer Storm tour also includes special guests **Lions at the Gate**.

Tickets are available via ticketweb.com.

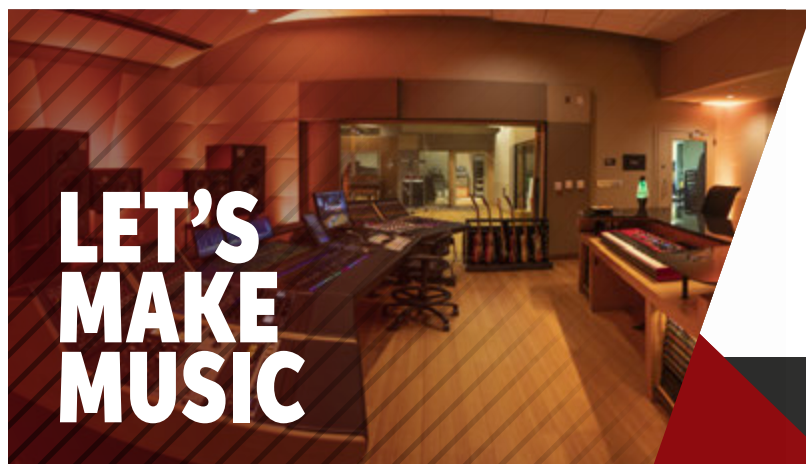
Benefit show set for Latch String

A fundraising benefit for guitarist **Craig Stephan** will take place Sunday, June 25, from 3-8 p.m. at The Latch String.

Many of you know Stephan from his time in **Sum Morz** and other bands over the years.

Stephan has been battling cancer for a couple years and recently received word that it is now fourth stage/advanced. With that, he is unable to work enough to stay afloat, so proceeds from the fundraiser will be a huge help.

The event will include games, raffles, auction, food, and live music by **Crystal C Note Clouse**, **Maurice Turner**, **Dave Pagan**, **Justin Bailey**, and more.



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Candlebox lights up Pavilion stage

Band using tour to say good-bye after 30 years

BY CHRIS HUPE

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Candlebox have visited Fort Wayne many times throughout their 30-year career, but their next stop just might be their last.

When they come through town June 18 to perform at Sweetwater Performance Pavilion, it will be part of their Long Goodbye Tour, with opening act The Dead Deads.

Not only does the tour celebrate the 30th anniversary of their self-titled debut album, it will also serve as the band's formal farewell to its fans.

TIME TO STEP AWAY

Frontman Kevin Martin told *Whatzup* in a recent phone interview that while he is still proud of the band and what they have accomplished over the years, it is quite simply time to go.

"It's been 30 years since the debut album, which I still can't believe, but being home during COVID changed my perspective on life, where I'm headed, and what life has to offer me and my family," he said.

The original plan was to wrap things up in 2021, but as is often the case, things didn't go as planned.

"So, I'm actually two years behind schedule," Martin said. "That's why it's called The Long Goodbye. I'm still saying goodbye."

The decision to end things was undoubtedly a tough one, but one Martin is confident is right for him. The lone remaining original member of the band, he has experienced all of the things he really loved about being a musician and where his career has gone.

"I'm just ready to put it all aside," he said. "I've missed a lot of my son's growing up and my wife's relationship, things I need to give some time to now."

OFF AND RUNNING

Candlebox found immediate success with that 1993 album, selling

more than 4 million copies on the strength of four charting singles, "You," "Cover Me," "Change," and the ultra-catchy "Far Behind."

They emerged as part of the Seattle grunge movement and stood out by showing their wide range of influences and knack for writing a hook.

Martin said that at the time of the album's release, he couldn't have imagined the band would have any kind of success, let alone still be standing 30 years down the road.

"There's no guarantees," he said. "Even being from Seattle, you know, a lot of our peers that were putting out records at the same time as us are all working at Microsoft now, so certainly I'm very lucky. I've also lost a lot of friends in this industry and that's a sad thing. A day doesn't go by that I don't think about Layne (Staley), Kurt (Cobain), Chris (Cornell), Mark (Lanegan), and Andy (Wood). Those guys were very influential and inspirational to me."

Candlebox have released seven albums, their latest being 2021's *Wolves*.

STAYING BUSY

Before they wave that final goodbye and ride off into the sunset this year, Candlebox have a documentary in the works, a live album, a box set with unreleased music, and one last studio album.

"We just finished it in Nashville," Martin said of the album, slated for an October release. "It's a very, very different record for us, and I'm super-excited about that."

When asked to look back and pick a few things he is proud to have accomplished, Martin did not hesitate.

"Being a father and a husband is something that I am incredibly proud of," he said. "But, when it comes to music, 30 years of making records is not an easy thing to do, and it's certainly no small feat. In order to live this life and create, you've really got to commit. That's a difficult thing to do for a lot of people."

FEELING LIKE IMPOSTER

In the past, Martin has been



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Candlebox will be at Sweetwater Performance Pavilion on Sunday, June 18.

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quoted as saying he was not sure he deserved all of the success he has had.

He said he has a real case of imposter syndrome.

"It's something, I think, most musicians have," he said. "You have to be somewhat self-deprecating as a musician in order to produce what you need to produce."

He also said the feeling comes from watching his peers.

"I had friends in Seattle that were in better bands, in my opinion," he said. "There's a band called Sweetwater that were some of our best friends in the world, and we always thought they were going to be

enormous. Sometimes the spotlight shines brighter on other people and I don't know why it shone brighter on us. So that part of where that feeling comes from, too."

FILLING THE VOID

This tour wraps up headlining shows for the band, but Candlebox will remain on the road through September, opening for 3 Doors Down.

Martin said he will still play acoustically at the occasional charity event, too, but this touring cycle really is going to be the end for the band because he has plenty of other things waiting to fill the void.

His foundation, the Riptide Society, will take a lot of his time.

"I'm also doing some podcasts, along with directing some music documentaries next year. My wife also has a clothing line that I will be involved with, so that'll take up some of my time as well."

Candlebox will perform the entire debut album on *The Long Goodbye* tour, not in sequence, "but you will hear every song on that record," Martin said. "Then we are going to sprinkle in some stuff from *Lucy*, some stuff from *Happy Pills*, some stuff from *Into the Sun*, *Disappearing in Airports*, *Love Stories & Other Musings* and the new record. It's about wrapping this up with a nice little bow and saying goodbye."

On a final note, Martin said Fort Wayne was definitely on the short list of cities he wanted to visit on this last trek since fans here have been with the band from the beginning.

"I love Fort Wayne," he said. "It's a great town and I've had a lot of fun there. I'm sure people remember stumbling on me doing karaoke next door to Piere's back in the day. We've had some great memories there and I'm really looking forward to coming back and playing one last time."

Selwyn Birchwood is not trying to save the blues

Says genre is just fine ahead of his concert at Baker Street Centre

BY ANDREW McNAIR

WHATZUP FEATURES WRITER

Historically, origin stories of blues guitarists usually include a chapter about a record label taking advantage of a naïve musician.

That's unlikely to be part of the Selwyn Birchwood biography. He comes prepared.

Birchwood, whose band won the 2013 International Blues Challenge in Memphis, will appear at the Baker Street Centre on Friday, June 16. He's supporting the June 9 release of his band's new album, *Exorcist*.

He sat down with *Whatzup* for a phone interview to talk about how he got here.

LOOKING UP TO RIGHT GUY

Like so many blues musicians, Birchwood's attraction came to him at a young age.

"When I was in middle school, I started playing guitar and started playing what was on the radio, and I got bored pretty quickly," he said. "But a friend of mine gave me a Jimi Hendrix album, and man, I was just blown away by what I heard. And I said, 'Man, whatever would possess someone to write this kind of music?' And when you look back in his bio, you find all the older blues guys: Muddy Waters and Elmore James, BB King, and Albert King and Buddy Guy."

Guy was someone who grabbed Birchwood's attention. And lucky for him, he lived near a family stop for the blue icon.

"It seemed like the very next week, Buddy Guy was actually coming to my hometown in Orlando, Florida, at the House of Blues," he said. "I just bought a ticket blindly and I had no idea what I was in for. I said, 'Man, whatever this is, that's what I want to learn. That's what I want to do.' I've been chasing that dragon ever since."

Guy's impact only grew with Birchwood's guitar proficiency.

"It feels like it's gone full circle now from the first time hearing real blues music at a Buddy Guy concert when I was 17," he said. "Fast forward 20 years later, and man, I've gotten the same producer doing my albums as Buddy Guy, and I've actually performed on stage with Buddy Guy as well."

PUTTING HIMSELF IN MUSIC

Growing up in a creative home, Birchwood's outlet was in songwriting as he continued to master the guitar.

"My mom actually was a painter and she had me doing painting and drawing and all kind of creative stuff at a really young age, so I was really into that," he said. "Then when I



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Selwyn Birchwood will be at Baker Street Centre on Friday, June 16.

got into high school, I got into free writing and poetry sort of stuff, and it eventually turned into songwriting. I kind of ended up putting it all together by adding the creative side of the music along with the creative side of the writing, and that's what gave me my sound."

He's proud of the fact that his music is so original and personal.

"This new album, *Exorcist*, is produced by Tom Hammrich and we've got 13 new tracks of all original music," he said. "I pride myself on writing songs so that when you hear me, you hear a band that sounds kind of like me, and that's what we shoot for."

"I write songs and I perform my music, and I just feel like that's the only way, otherwise

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I feel like I'm cheating the audience. I don't think it takes too much to get someone to a song that they already love. So, I'm just really happy that my original music has been accepted so widely."

Birchwood likes to have fun onstage and brings that energy to the crowd. He's also conscious of comfort, as he has performed barefoot for many years.

"I just don't like shoes," he said. "For whatever reason, the crowd seemed to like it as well. It started off, I drank too much and kicked my shoes off. There was a show, the crowd went wild, so I just started doing that every show and it got to the point I was just more comfortable that way anyway, so I just stopped putting them on to begin with."

NO FORMULA TO BLUES

Back to the unfortunate tradition of blues musicians not getting their due from the commercial side of the industry. That's not likely to be in Birchwood's future.

As a young man, he put a promising music career on hold to complete his education, including an MBA from the University of Tampa.

"Ninety-nine percent of being in a band is the business side of it," he said. "If you aren't looking at it as a business, then you're really going to be struggling. So, of course it helps to be able to know what's going on. But it seems like people have an idea of what a blues musician is and it coincides with what was going on a hundred years ago. And people are surprised I can read, but indeed I can."

Birchwood's music is modern and fresh, but it definitely fits in the blues bin of a used record store.

When asked about the health of the genre, his message is clear.

"Man, I think the blues would be fine if everyone would quit saving it to death," he said.

"The music is awesome and that's why people are drawn to it. It's honest, it's storytelling, it's relatable. And now people seem to want to just take the music and say, 'Well, no, it has to be this way' and turn it into a paint-by-numbers. At some point, it starts to be fraudulent when it's that way, and I feel like that's what it starts to feel like after a while."

"That's not the way that this music came about," he added. "It came from real-life experience. It came from real heart. It came from real soul, and it wasn't born of just people pointing to a picture to trace."

"It's evolved and it's changed the whole time, so I don't know why people try to stop that."

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Beach Fossils

Bunny

Beach Fossils came out of the early 2010s Captured Tracks scene, along with bands like Wild Nothing, Craft Spells, and DIIV.

Beach Fossils' self-titled debut was more lo-fi and bedroom pop with band founder/songwriter Dustin Payseur's vocals sounding as if they were emanating from a haunted conk shell residing on some melancholy shore line.

With 2013's excellent *Clash the Truth*, Beach Fossils adopted more of a studio sheen, but kept the instrumentation to guitar/bass/vocals/drums. There was more of a post-punk feel to the record, while 2017's *Somersault* added horns and a soulful quality.

Beach Fossils have returned with the excellent *Bunny*, taking everything that's come before and blending the classic and modern sounds beautifully. There are moments where the band has the tight rhythmic vibe of early REM, while at other times locking into the poppier side of The Cure. *Bunny* is an album with everything, eleven songs of dream pop bliss and melancholy longing.

"Sleeping on my Own" opens the album on a Byrds vibe, complete with McGuinn-esque 12-string electric and a Laurel Canyon haze. "Don't Fade Away" has a more angular sound, reminiscent of *Seventeen Seconds*-era Cure. "Feel So High" has the dream pop weightlessness of Cocteau Twins. Beach Fossils locks into late-80s/early-90s shoegaze beautifully here.

While still giving us plenty of hazy vibes and dreamy melodies, *Bunny* is Beach Fossils at their most upfront and clear-eyed. The songs are more present than ever, with "Seconds" a pure joy rocker filled with light and life. "Waterfall" closes the album with a wistful, thoughtful melancholy. The band meshes so well here, inviting you to hit play as soon as the song ends for another round.

Beach Fossils sound like a band ever evolving while never losing that intimate, bedroom pop feel that made their debut so engaging. *Bunny* is the sound of a band continuing to find themselves and reinvent what came before. — *J. Hubner*

Metro Boomin

Spider-Man:
Across the
Spider-Verse

The release of a new *Spider-Verse* film leads to the release of another stellar soundtrack.

In 2018, the *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* soundtrack was highlighted by Post Malone and Swae Lee's "Sunflower," as well as my personal favorite "Start a Riot" by Duckwrth and Shaboozey.

For *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*, DJ/producer/executive Metro Boomin is given the reins with the likes of Lil Wayne, A\$AP Rocky, Lil



Uzi Vert, 21 Savage, and Nas joining in.

Instead of a soundtrack of various songs by various artists, this one follows in the footsteps of 2018's *Black Panther*, on which Kendrick Lamar was in control. The songs through this one carry the Spider-Man theme with snippets from the film serving as transition points.

On the opening track, "Annihilate," Lil Wayne sets the tone with "I'm about to go Peter Parker/I'm Spider-Man," letting you know these songs are for a specific album.

All the songs through this follow a chilled vibe with no "bangers," which follows the feel of the film.

Bobbing through the tracks, the standout for me is "Self Love" with Coi Leray, undoubtedly about the relationship between Miles Morales and Gwen Stacy in the film.

Another notable, because I just might be north of the *Spider-Verse* age demographic, is the closer "Nas Morales" with lyrical genius Nas, opening with "Glidin' through the sky, through the air/Dashin' through the buildings, Fred Astaire."

A gem of an album that makes me want to see the movie even more. — *Anthony Gadson*

Dave Matthews Band

Walk Around
the Moon

Dave Matthews Band? Really? Yeah, they have a new album out.

Was DMB just some affectation of the '90s and 2000s that we're all kind of embarrassed of now? Well ... no. *Beyond These Crowded Streets* from 1998 still moves my soul on every listen. I still play the Zildjian K/Z Combo hi-hat cymbals that drummer Carter Beauford uses without any apology. But what is this band up to in 2023?

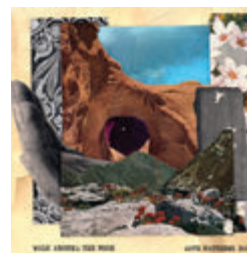
Upon hearing "Madman's Eyes" on the radio, I held out hope that the same DMB magic was there. But *Walk Around the Moon* is more about "Dave Matthews" and less about "Band."

I used to be able to enjoy his quirky angst-riddled ramblings and sometimes insightful lyrics because he surrounded himself with some brilliant players to flesh out the songs. But two key founding members, the late LeRoi Moore and Boyd Tinsley, are gone.

Hit-maker Mark Batson has returned to produce this album, and he pares the DMB sound down to mainly Dave on acoustic guitar and his mumbly whining about modern life. Beauford's drumming isn't in there enough to make me want to lay down my drum sticks in disgust anymore.

OK, Dave in "Dancing Nancies" from 1994's debut *Under the Table and Dreaming* asking "Could I have been anyone other than me?" was cool 20 years ago, but he is still singing, in "The Only Thing," "Just wish I could crawl out of the skin I'm living in, out of my mind, into the outside, nobody could reach me."

Even so, this formula really does spark on the



Backtracks CLASSIC ALBUMS

Bonnie Raitt

Give It Up (1972)



Although Bonnie Raitt was born in Burbank, California, it was her guitar playing tenure at the Quaker summer camps in upstate New York where she developed her musical chops.

This album, her second, was a soothing blend of early '70s folk with a bluesy twist, a sound she still creates very well. Although she wrote only a few songs on the album, the others were penned by some of the best in the business like Rudy Clark and Jackson Browne.

It opens with "Give It Up or Let Me Go," a country-blues number that features a colorful horn section that almost gives it a Dixieland Jazz feel.

"Nothing Seems to Matter" brings the tempo down and is reminiscent of a cross between Joni Mitchell and early Linda Ronstadt. She covers the late Barbara George's "I Know."

Browne's "Under the Falling Sky" appears on Side Two and struts around while the great Paul Butterfield jams away on the harmonica. "You Got To Know How" highlights Raitt's tender yet strong vocals along with Marty Grebb's toe-tapping saxophone throughout.

"You Told Me Baby" has a pop-feel but still carries some great guitars from Raitt and some horns, reminding me of something Steely Dan could have produced during the early part of their career. The release closes with the Libby Titus standard "Love Has No Pride."

Raitt released her 18th album, *Just Like That*, last year and continues to evolve with the music business, without compromising her legacy. Her 1989 album *Nick of Time* and 1991's *Luck of the Draw* earned her six Grammys (of her 13) and established her as one of the best crossover artists of my generation.

Raitt and Maia Sharp will perform in Indianapolis at the Murat Theatre on July 1. — *Dennis Donahue*

Editor's Note: This review originally ran in May 2017.

last song, "Singing From the Windows," "When the war is over and we go back to every day/every day will it be the same again when you been turned inside out and outside in?"

So, in 2023, if what someone always enjoyed about Dave Matthews Band was Dave, then there is plenty of that on this album. If it was always the "Band" part of the name, well, there are still the awesome live shows to attend. — *Keith Roman*

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Spider-Verse is ever-expanding delight

Four and a half years after the landmark *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse*, a follow-up has finally arrived. It was worth the wait and then some.

Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse does all of the things that great sequels need to do: it follows the continuity and ethos of its predecessor, boldly expands on the world that it set up, and leaves us wanting even more.

At 140 minutes, it's the longest animated film produced by an American studio, but it never feels bloated or dragged down by its densely layered storytelling.

Assembled by a trio of directors entirely different from the three that worked on *Into the Spider-Verse*, this follow-up is another testament to the power of collaboration among storytellers with divergent creative backgrounds.

The previous film ended with Gwen Stacy (Hailee Steinfeld) communing with Miles Morales (Shameik Moore) through a portal in his bedroom ceiling, her final line of "Got a minute?" setting up further adventures across dimensions. The beginning of *Across the Spider-Verse* catches us up on her backstory and what she's been up to since the events of the first movie, most notably her admission into the Spider-Society. This is a team of other Spider-Man variants, led by Spider-Man 2099 (Oscar Isaac), who



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aim to keep peace in the multiverse by disposing of dimensional anomalies and preserving "canon events," crucial moments of growth similar among the Spider-People. Rejoined by mentor Peter B. Parker (Jake Johnson) along with new Spider faces Pavitr Prabhakar (Karan Soni) and Hobie Brown (Daniel Kaluuya), Miles and Gwen must stop a new villain wreaking havoc across the multiverse.

Across the Spider-Verse joins recent films like Best Picture winner *Everything Everywhere All at Once* and MCU entry *Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness* whose storylines go deep into parallel universes. There are essays and thinkpieces to be written about why audiences are seeming to respond so strongly to movies with this theme, but it's enough to say that the "what if?" aspect of the plot device remains effortlessly effective here. Where *Into the Spider-Verse* introduced us to a few twists on the Spider-Man character we typically know from movies and TV shows, this film gives us glimpses of dozens of new Spider people, creatures, and machines that exist in other dimensions. There are tangents and cameos of the Lego and live-action variety that constantly remind us of the boundless creative energy that goes into making these movies.

Into the Spider-Verse introduced a bold new animation style that visualized the comic book experience like never before, and *Across the Spider-Verse* goes even further with its artistic ambitions. While Miles' timeline on Earth-1610 retains the Ben Day dots and chromatic distortion of the first movie, we spend more time in other dimensions like Gwen's home on Earth-65. Her world is rendered with jaw-dropping impressionist vigor, where every frame is a painting that emotes with the scene it's canvassing. The film's most moving moments are between Gwen and her police captain father, reeling with the news that his daughter is a vigilante crime fighter. The frame is awash with watercolor



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Shameik Moore once again voices Miles Morales and Hailee Steinfeld voices Gwen Stacy in the animated sequel, *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse*.

SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE

Rated PG for sequences of animated action violence, some language, thematic elements
2 hours 20 minutes · In theaters



paint whose hues bleed into one another; watching paint dry has never been this exhilarating. This is a new cinematic language of animation being created before our eyes, and it's simply a wonder to behold.

Reuniting frequent screenwriting partners Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, *Across the Spider-Verse* adds veteran scribe David Callaham for a script that is somehow just as clever as the screenplay for its predecessor. It keeps up with all of the manic mythology surrounding the character but packs in gobs of pathos and wit too. There's a clever bit about redundant initialisms that is set up in a New York bodega and then called back during Pavitr's introduction in Mumbattan, which I take to be a portmanteau of Mumbai and Manhattan.

It's no secret that the superhero genre is a packed clubhouse when it comes to modern movies, but if you're sleeping on these *Spider-Verse* chapters, you're missing out on the finest films this pocket of cinema has ever produced.

New movies coming this weekend

■ Playing in theaters is *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*, an action sequel starring Anthony Ramos and Dominique Fishback which takes the franchise back to 1994, where Maximals, Predacons, and Terrorcons aid Optimus Prime against the Unicrons.

■ Streaming on Disney+ and Hulu is *Flamin' Hot*, a biopic starring Jesse Garcia and Annie Gonzalez about a Frito Lay janitor who disrupted the food industry by channeling his Mexican heritage to turn Flamin' Hot Cheetos from a snack into an iconic global pop culture phenomenon.

■ Premiering on Netflix is *The Wonder Weeks*, a comedy starring Sallie Harmsen and Soy Kroon which follows three modern couples as they juggle relationships and demanding careers while navigating the unpredictable terrain of new parenthood.

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Renowned DJs return to Chicago for North Coast

Chicago’s biggest Labor Day weekend party returns this year with more than 100 top house and bass DJs from around the world on seven stages.

The North Coast Music Fest features headliners **Marshmello, Zeds Dead, and Flume** for the three-day festival along with **Alesso, Alison Wonderland, Ganja White Night, Lane 8, Gigantic NGHTMRE, Liquid Stranger,** and a plethora of other like-minded artists.



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It all happens Sept. 1-3 at Seat-Geek Stadium in the Bridgeview suburb.

In addition to the music, North Coast features several “installations” designed to stimulate the senses including Temple of Intention featuring a mirror room, the Incendia Fire Pit, the Rainbow Lounge hammocks, laser-filled Chill Dome for cooling down, NC Yacht Club boat, and the Club Coast speakeasy.

Pop Evil add more shows

More summer headlining dates have been announced for **Pop Evil**.

The trek now includes a stop at the Wetzel Moto Rally near Van Wert on July 28 and Rib Fest in Kalamazoo on Aug. 5.

The band’s latest album, *Skel-etons*, was released in March, containing the single “Eye of the Storm,” which landed at the No. 5 Most Played Song in 2022 on Billboard’s Mainstream Rock Chart.

Gorillaz swinging by Chicago

The eclectic group **Gorillaz** will do their part to end the summer on a good note with a short run of dates in September.

“The Getaway Shows,” their final U.S. dates in support of their latest

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Confirm with the venue about any event you plan to attend.

3 Doors Down	June 16	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
3 Doors Down	June 17	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
3 Doors Down	June 21	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
3 Doors Down	July 7	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 23	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
5 Seconds of Summer	Aug. 25	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
50 Cent	July 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
50 Cent	July 29	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
50 Cent	Aug. 6	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
AJ Wilkerson	Aug. 13	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Adele Givens	June 23-25	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Air Supply	July 29	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Alicia Keys	July 15	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Alicia Keys	July 17	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Alicia Keys	July 18	United Center	Chicago
All Time Low	June 9	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
The All-American Rejects	Aug. 22	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
The All-American Rejects	Aug. 24	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Altin Gun	July 13	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Altin Gun	July 21	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
America	July 10	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Andy Grammer	July 21	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Anita Baker	June 30	United Center	Chicago
Anita Baker	July 2	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Ann Wilson	July 14	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Ann Wilson	July 30	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Anthony Jeselnik	July 20-22	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Avenged Sevenfold	July 26	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Avenged Sevenfold	July 28	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Barenaked Ladies	July 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Barenaked Ladies	July 22	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Bebe Rexha	June 13	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
Bela Fleck & The Flecktones	June 10	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Ben Folds	June 17	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Ben Folds	June 24	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Ben Folds	June 25	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Ben Folds	July 22	Columbus Commons	Columbus, OH
Bert Kreischer w/Fortune Feimster, Big Jay Oakerson, Jay Pharoah, Chad Daniels, Luis J. Gomez, Shane Torres, Mark Smalls	June 23	Parkview Field	Fort Wayne
Between the Buried and Me	June 28	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Between the Buried and Me	June 29	Newport Music Hall	Columbus
Between the Buried and Me	June 30	House of Blues	Chicago
Beyonce	July 22-23	Soldier Field	Chicago
Beyonce	July 26	Ford Field	Detroit
Big Time Rush	July 15	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Big Time Rush	July 16	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Big Time Rush	July 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Big Time Rush	July 19	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Big Time Rush	July 21	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Big Time Rush	July 23	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Billy Joel & Stevie Nicks	Aug. 5	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Billy Strings	June 10-11	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Billy Strings	June 16	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Billy Strings	June 17	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Black Stone Cherry	June 16	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Blackberry Smoke	June 17	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Blessthefall	Aug. 12	House of Blues	Chicago
Blind Fury	Aug. 17	Carl’s Tavern	New Haven
Blues Traveler & Big Head Todd and The Monsters	Aug. 12	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Blues Traveler & Big Head Todd and The Monsters	Aug. 20	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Bored Teachers Comedy Tour	June 9	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Breaking Benjamin	Aug. 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Bret Michaels’ Parti-Gras	July 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI

Bret Michaels’ Parti-Gras	July 29	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Bret Michaels’ Parti-Gras	July 30	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Brittany Schmitt	June 22	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Brooks & Dunn	June 16	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	June 14	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	June 15	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Bryan Adams & Joan Jett	July 2	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Buddy Guy	June 24	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Buddy Guy	June 25	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
CNCO	June 22	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Candlebox	June 18	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Candlebox	June 22	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Candlebox	July 6	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
Candlebox	July 9	House of Blues	Cleveland
Carin Leon	Aug. 10	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Chad & JT	July 14-15	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Chapel Hart	June 17	Niswonger PAC	Van Wert
Charley Crockett	July 1	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Charlie Puth	June 18	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Charlie Puth	June 19	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Charlie Puth	June 21	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Charlie Puth	June 24	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
The Chicks	Aug. 16	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
The Chicks	Aug. 17	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Cody Smith	July 23	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Collective Soul w/Jet Black Roses	July 9	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Cooper Alan	Aug. 25	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Counting Crows	June 17	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Counting Crows	June 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Counting Crows	June 24	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Counting Crows	June 29	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Culture Club	Aug. 4	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Culture Club	Aug. 5	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
The Cure	June 10	United Center	Chicago
The Cure	June 11	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Cure	June 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Cynic w/Atheist	June 29	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
DJ Diesel	Aug. 25	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Dale Jones	July 26	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Damien Jurado	June 12	Bell’s Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Damien Jurado	June 15	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
Damien Jurado w/Chris Pureka	June 14	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 28	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Danny Brown & JpegMafia	July 29	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Darius Rucker	Aug. 10	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Daughtry	Aug. 12	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Dave Mason	June 17	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Dave Matthews Band	June 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Dave Matthews Band	June 30-July 1	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dave Matthews Band	July 7-8	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
David Phelps	June 8	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Dead & Company	June 9-10	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Dead & Company	June 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Dead & Company	June 27	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Def Leppard & Motley Crue	Aug. 8	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Demun Jones	June 23	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Dermot Kennedy	June 9	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Diana Krall	Aug. 1	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Diana Krall	Aug. 3	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Dierks Bentley	July 8	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Dierks Bentley	July 9	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Dizgo	June 28	The Palladium	Carmel
Don McMillan	July 25	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Don Toliver	June 20	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Don Toliver	June 23	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
The Doobie Brothers	June 23	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
The Doobie Brothers	June 26	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Drake	July 5	United Center	Chicago

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Drake	July 6	United Center	Chicago
Drake	July 8	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Dream Theater	July 7	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Dream Theater	July 8	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Ed Bassmaster	July 13	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Ed Sheeran	July 14	Royal Oak Music Theatre	Royal Oak, MI
Ed Sheeran	July 15	Ford Field	Detroit
Ed Sheeran	July 28	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Ed Sheeran	July 29	Soldier Field	Chicago
Eddie Griffin	July 28-29	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Eddie Pepitone	June 18	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Edith Marquez	Aug. 25	The Lerner Theatre	Elkhart
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 23	Horseshoe Casino	Cincinnati
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 25	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
Elvis Costello & The Imposters	June 28	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Emerson, Lake and Palmer	July 13	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Enuff Z'Nuff w/The Quireboys, Bad Marriage, School of Rock, Cigarettes to Sunrise, Praise the Fallen	July 28	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Eric Church	June 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Eric Church	June 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Eric Church	July 14	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Eric Church	Aug. 11	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Eric Church	Aug. 12	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Erykah Badu	July 1	United Center	Chicago
Erykah Badu	July 2	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Extreme	Aug. 14	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit
Extreme	Aug. 17	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Fall Out Boy	June 21	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Fall Out Boy	July 15	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Fall Out Boy	July 16	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Fall Out Boy	July 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Faster Pussycat w/Jason Charles Miles, The Bites	June 20	Piere's	Fort Wayne
The Firewater Tent Revival	June 11	Thirty3	Hudson
First Aid Kit	July 22	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Flaming Lips	June 11	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Flatland Cavalry	June 16	Bogart's	Cincinnati
Fleet Foxes	June 14	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Fleet Foxes	July 9	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Foreigner	July 21	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Foreigner	July 22	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Foreigner	July 24	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Gaither Vocal Band	June 9	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Garbage	June 27	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Garbage	June 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Garbage	July 1	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Garbage	July 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Gavin DeGraw	Aug. 17	House of Blues	Chicago
Gavin DeGraw	Aug. 18	Motorcity Casino Hotel	Detroit
Gavin DeGraw	Aug. 19	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
George Clinton	Aug. 24	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
George Clinton	Aug. 25	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Ghost	Aug. 14	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Ghost	Aug. 15	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Ghost	Aug. 16	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Ghost	Aug. 22	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Gianmarco Soresi	July 6-9	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
(G)I-dle	Aug. 17	Rosemont Theatre	Rosemont
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 9	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 10	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Godsmack & Staind	Aug. 12	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Gogol Bordello	July 27	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Gogol Bordello	July 28	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Gogol Bordello	July 29	House of Blues	Cleveland
Gojira & Mastodon	Aug. 10	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Gojira & Mastodon	Aug. 15	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 18	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati

Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 19	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 22	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Goo Goo Dolls	Aug. 23	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
The Grass Roots w/The Buckingham, The Box Tops	June 10	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Greensky Bluegrass	June 30	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Greensky Bluegrass	July 1	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Guns N' Roses	Aug. 24	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Hank Williams Jr.	June 9	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Hank Williams Jr.	June 17	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Hardy	July 1	Flannagan's Dublin	Columbus, OH
He Is Legend w/Greyhaven, For Your Health	July 7	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Herman's Hermits	July 7	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
The High Kings	July 8	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 12	A&R Music Bar	Columbus, OH
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 13	Grog Shop	Cleveland
Hobo Johnson	Aug. 15	The Intersection	Grand Rapids
The Hold Steady	July 1	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Hooten Hallers w/Mucca Pazza	July 13	The Brass Rail	Fort Wayne
Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Ice Nine Kills	Aug. 9	Agora Theatre	Cleveland
Incubus	July 28	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Incubus	July 30	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Incubus	Aug. 1	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Incubus	Aug. 2	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Jackson Browne	June 19	Brown County Music Center	Nashville, IN
James Taylor	June 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jamie Kennedy	June 15-17	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jason Aldean	July 20	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Jason Aldean	July 21	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jason Mraz	July 29	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Jason Mraz	Aug. 1	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jason Mraz	Aug. 2	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Jeff Leeson	June 11	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jelly Roll	July 21	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparaiso
Jelly Roll	Aug. 17	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Jerry Seinfeld (Sold Out)	June 22	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Jesse & Joy	June 24	House of Blues	Cleveland
Jesse & Joy	June 25	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Jessica Kirson	June 29-July 1	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Jethro Tull	Aug. 18	Ravinia Park Pavillion	Chicago
Jethro Tull	Aug. 19	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jethro Tull	Aug. 20	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Jethro Tull	Aug. 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Jidenna	Aug. 17	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Jidenna	Aug. 18	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 18	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 19	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Jimmy Eat World	Aug. 20	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Jo Dee Messina	June 29	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 10	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 11	Arie Crown Theater	Chicago
Jodeci, SWV, and Dru Hill	Aug. 13	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
John Anderson	June 17	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Conlee	June 15	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
John Mellencamp	June 17	Masonic Temple Theatre	Detroit
John Mellencamp	June 21	DeVos Performance Hall	Grand Rapids
John Mellencamp	June 23-24	Morris PAC	South Bend
Jon Pardi	July 20	Porter County Fairgrounds	Valparaiso
Jonas Brothers	Aug. 22	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Jonas Brothers	Aug. 24	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Jonas Brothers	Aug. 25	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Jordan Davis	July 11	LaPorte County Fairgrounds	LaPorte
Jordan Jensen	June 8-10	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Joss Stone	Aug. 22	Cain Park	Cleveland
K. Flay & Grandson	June 9	Saint Andrew's Hall	Detroit

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album *Cracker Island*, will see the band play stadiums and amphitheaters. Most notably for us is their Sept. 16 visit to Credit Union 1 Amphitheater in Chicago with openers **Kaytranada**, **Lil Yachty**, and **Remi Wolf**.

Cracker Island, released in February, is the bands eighth studio album.

Four nights of Freedom music

Freedom Fest Ohio takes place June 22-25 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Mt. Gilead, north of Columbus.

Country fans will want to turn out Thursday and Saturday nights with **Craig Morgan**, **Parmalee**, and **Jess Kellie Adams** performing opening night and **Justin Moore** topping off a night that also features **Chris Jansen** on Saturday.

Friday night will feature **Night Ranger**, **Jefferson Starship**, and everyone's favorite rocker **Bret Michaels**. Sunday showcases **We the Kingdom** and **We Are the Messengers**.

Chevelle, Three Days partner

Rockers **Chevelle** and **Three Days Grace** have announced a co-headlining tour with special guest **Loathe**.

The 23-city trek features a few stops in our neck of the woods beginning with Michigan Lottery Amphitheatre in Sterling, Michigan, on Sept. 12 followed by Aragon Ballroom in Chicago on Sept. 13, Rose Music Center in Dayton on Sept. 14, and TCU Amphitheater in Indianapolis on Sept. 19.

Chevelle's ninth full-length album, *Niratias*, released in early 2021, landed at No. 1 on the rock chart and beat mainstream artists to take No. 9 on the Billboard 200 while Three Days Grace released their eighth studio album, studio album, *Explosions*, last year.

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LOCAL EVENTS

EXPLORER DAY

10 A.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 10
PARKVIEW FIELD

On Saturday, June 10, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Parkview Field will host the PBS Fort Wayne Explorer Day, a family-friendly event encouraging learning throughout the summer months.

As families visit each of the 30 booths, they will encounter a variety of hands-on activities from local businesses and nonprofit organizations that are designed to engage them and spark new learning experiences while having fun at the same time. Examples include taking a picture with several mascots that will be on hand, making and flying a rocket, playing games, and sampling different educational opportunities from the arts to sports, science, and music.

Best of all, admission and parking are free. — *Chris Hupe*

LEGENDARY SHACK SHAKERS

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 13
THE RUIN

It is truly hard to define Legendary Shack Shakers of Murray, Kentucky.

They deliver a unique blend of rockabilly, alt-country, and blues mixed with a punk rock attitude. The term “Southern Gothic” has been used on many occawsions.

None of that matters though when the band hits the stage. They will be at The Ruin in Fort Wayne on June 13, delivering an energetic, raucous, and fun show as they do each and every night.

Frontman JD Wilkes, David Lee, and the rest of the band leave it all on stage, making every show an event that fans of any genre will not want to miss.

Dex Romweber and **Viva Le Vox** will open the show.— *Chris Hupe*

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K. Flay & Grandson	June 11	House of Blues	Chicago
Kamelot	Aug. 24	Vic Theatre	Chicago
Kansas	June 16	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Kansas	June 17	Fisher Theatre	Detroit
Kansas	July 7	Taft Theatre	Cincinnati
Kansas	July 8	Clowes Memorial Hall	Indianapolis
Kansas	July 15	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Karlous Miller	Aug. 25	Embassy Theatre	Fort Wayne
Kelsey Lynn	June 15	Carl’s Tavern	New Haven
Kidd G	July 28	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Kidz Bop	July 26	Ohio State Fairgrounds	Columbus, OH
Kidz Bop	July 29	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Kidz Bop	Aug. 2	Toledo Zoo Amphitheatre	Toledo
Kidz Bop	Aug. 4	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Kidz Bop	Aug. 5	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard	June 11-13	The Salt Shed	Chicago
L.A. Guns	July 13	The Eclectic Room	Angola
LL Cool J, The Roots, DJ Jazzy Jeff	Aug. 13	United Center	Chicago
LL Cool J, The Roots, Ice-T	Aug. 18	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
LL Cool J, The Roots, Jadakiss	Aug. 12	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
LL Cool J, The Roots, Jadakiss	Aug. 20	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Larry June	June 13	House of Blues	Chicago
Larry June	June 17	Elevation at The Intersection	Grand Rapids
Larry June	June 18	The Fillmore	Detroit
Lee Brice w/Tyler Farr, The Hubie Ashcraft Band	July 22	Sylvan Cellars	Rome City
Legendary Shack Shakers w/Dexter Romweber, Viva Le Vox	June 13	The Ruin	Fort Wayne
Less Than Jake	July 8	Concord Music Hall	Chicago
Less Than Jake	July 9	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Less Than Jake	July 11	House of Blues	Cleveland
Lettuce & Steel Pulse	July 7	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lettuce & Steel Pulse	July 8	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Life of Agony w/Sick of It All	Aug. 16	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Lil Baby	Aug. 23	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Lil Baby	Aug. 24	United Center	Chicago
Lil Durk	Aug. 11	United Center	Chicago
Lil Durk	Aug. 13	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Lil Durk	Aug. 15	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Lil Durk	Aug. 16	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 4	Centennial Terrace	Sylvania, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 5	Celeste Center	Columbus, OH
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 10	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Lindsey Stirling	Aug. 15	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Lionel Richie & Earth, Wind, & Fire	Aug. 5	United Center	Chicago
Local Natives	Aug. 20	Majestic Theatre	Detroit
Louis Tomlinson	June 15	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
lovelytheband	June 18	Bogart’s	Cincinnati
lovelytheband	June 20	House of Blues	Chicago
Ludacris w/Juvenile, Chingy	July 28	Headwaters Park	Fort Wayne
Luke Bryan	Aug. 17	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Luke Bryan	Aug. 18	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Luke Bryan	Aug. 24	Put-In-Bay Airport	Put-in-Bay, OH
The Lumineers	Aug. 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Lynyrd Skynrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 19	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Lynyrd Skynrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Lynyrd Skynrd & ZZ Top	Aug. 25	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Madonna	Aug. 2	Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse	Cleveland
Madonna	Aug. 5	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Madonna	Aug. 9	United Center	Chicago
Maisie Peters	Aug. 9	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Maisie Peters	Aug. 13	Saint Andrew’s Hall	Detroit
Marc Ryan	July 27	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Matchbox Twenty	June 13	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Matchbox Twenty	June 14	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Matchbox Twenty	June 16	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Matchbox Twenty	Aug. 5	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Matchbox Twenty & The Wallflowers	Aug. 6	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Matt Mathews	Aug. 9	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne

The Mavericks	July 15	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Melanie Martinez	July 5	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Melanie Martinez	July 7	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Melanie Martinez	July 8	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Melanie Martinez	July 11	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
The Menzingers	Aug. 15	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Michael Franti & Spearhead	June 16	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Michael Franti & Spearhead	Aug. 14	Hensville Park	Toledo
Micky Dolenz	July 28	Trine T. Furth Center	Angola
Mike Gordon	June 21	Bell’s Eccentric Cafe	Kalamazoo
Mike Gordon	June 24-25	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Mike Gordon	June 28	The Vogue Theatre	Indianapolis
Modest Mouse	June 17	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Montana of 300 w/Litfrank, Ernie Wayne	July 15	Piere’s	Fort Wayne
Morgan Wallen	June 22-23	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Morgan Wallen	June 29-30	Ford Field	Detroit
Morgan Wallen	Aug. 11-12	Ohio Stadium	Columbus, OH
Motionless In White & In This Moment	Aug. 16	Memorial Coliseum	Fort Wayne
Mudvayne	Aug. 4	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Mudvayne	Aug. 5	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Mudvayne	Aug. 6	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Mudvayne	Aug. 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
My Morning Jacket	June 23	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
NEEDTOBREATHE	Aug. 13	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
NF	July 12	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
NF	July 14	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
NF	July 18	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 3	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 4	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 5	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 9-10	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats	Aug. 19	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
The National	Aug. 7	The Fillmore	Detroit
Niall Horan	June 25	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Niall Horan	June 26	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Niall Horan	July 9	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Niall Horan	July 10	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Nick Hoff	July 16	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Nickel Creek	June 9	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Nickelback	June 16	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Nickelback	Aug. 9	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Nickelback	Aug. 13	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Nickelback	Aug. 18	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Nickelback	Aug. 19	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Nita Strauss w/Lions at the Gate	June 23	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Nitty Gritty Dirt Band	June 28	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Noah Kahan	June 23	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
O.A.R.	June 10	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
The Oak Ridge Boys	June 21-22	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
The Offspring	Aug. 22	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Offspring	Aug. 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
The Offspring	Aug. 25	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Old 97’s	Aug. 19	Thalia Hall	Chicago
Old 97’s	Aug. 21	Rumba Cafe	Columbus, OH
Old 97’s	Aug. 22	Hi-Fi	Indianapolis
The Outlaws	Aug. 19	Trine T. Furth Center	Angola
Pantera	July 29	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Paramore	June 10	Schottenstein Center	Columbus, OH
Parker McCollum	June 24	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo	Aug. 22	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Pentatonix	Aug. 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Peter Frampton	June 21	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Peter Frampton	June 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Phil Wickham & Brandon Lake	Aug. 19	Gainbridge Fieldhouse	Indianapolis
Pink	July 26	Great American Ballpark	Cincinnati
Pink	Aug. 12	Wrigley Field	Chicago
Pink	Aug. 16	Comerica Park	Detroit
Pitbull & Luke Bryan	Aug. 23	Put-In-Bay Airport	Put-in-Bay, OH

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On the Road

NATIONAL TOURS WITHIN DRIVING DISTANCE

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Pixies	June 12	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Pixies	June 14	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Plush	July 29	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Post Malone	July 8	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Post Malone	July 9	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
Post Malone	July 11	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Putridity w/Cenotaph, Immortal Suffering, Severed Headshop	July 26	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Quinn XCII	June 10	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
Quinn XCII	June 11	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Quinn XCII	June 14	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Quinn XCII	June 16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Quinn XCII	June 17	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Rahsaan Barber & Everyday Magic	Aug. 3	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Rebelution	June 28	The Fillmore	Detroit
Rebelution	July 1	Aragon Ballroom	Chicago
Rebelution	July 2	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
The Red Jumpsuit Apparatus w/Kingdom Collapse, 3REE	Aug. 17	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Regina Spektor	July 29	Canal Shores Golf Course	Chicago
Regina Spektor	July 30	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
The Rev. Peyton's Big Damn Band w/The Legendary Trainhoppers	Aug. 5	The Ruin	Fort Wayne
Reverend Horton Heat	July 25	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
Rick Springfield	Aug. 5	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Rick Springfield	Aug. 6	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Robert Plant & Alison Krauss	June 28	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Rocket Summer	July 2	Bottom Lounge	Chicago
Rodney Atkins w/Matt Williams; Whoa, Man!	June 17	Double H Farms	Hamilton
Rodrigo y Gabriela	June 16	Chicago Theatre	Chicago
Rodrigo y Gabriela	June 17	Aretha Franklin Amphitheatre	Detroit
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 9	Smale Riverfront Park	Cincinnati
Rufus Du Sol	Aug. 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Russell Dickerson	Aug. 11	Mercer County Fairgrounds	Celina, OH
Ryan Adams & The Cardinals	July 28	Holiday Park	Indianapolis
Ryan Adams & The Cardinals	Aug. 1	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 18	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 19	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 21	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Sad Summer Fest w/Taking Back Sunday	July 22	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Sam Hunt	July 27	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sam Hunt	July 28	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Sam Smith	Aug. 15	United Center	Chicago
Samantha Fish w/Jesse Dayton	July 30	Sweetwater Pavilion	Fort Wayne
Samuel J. Comroe	Aug. 3-5	Summit City Comedy Club	Fort Wayne
Santa Fe Klan	June 27	Little Caesars Arena	Detroit
Santana	June 25	MGM Northfield Park	Northfield, OH
Santana	June 27	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
Santana	June 29	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Sante Fe Klan	June 23	Allstate Arena	Rosemont, IL
Shaggy 2 Dope	Aug. 12	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Shania Twain	June 30	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Shania Twain	July 1	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Shania Twain	July 15	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Shaun Weiss w/Will King	June 30	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Shinedown	July 21	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Skilla Baby	June 9	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Slightly Stoopid	July 28	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Slightly Stoopid	July 29	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Slightly Stoopid	July 30	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Smile Empty Soul w/Autumn Academy, The Stone Eye	June 8	Piere's	Fort Wayne
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 20	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 21	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
Snoop Dogg & Wiz Khalifa	July 23	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Soccer Mommy w/Vundabar, DuPont Brass, The Nabby Pamby, Mic Strong	June 24	Parkview Field	Fort Wayne
Stephen Marley	July 22	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati

Steve Earle	Aug. 17	Eagles Theatre	Wabash
Stevie Nicks	June 23	United Center	Chicago
Straight No Chaser	July 1	Rose Music Center	Huber Heights, OH
The Struts	June 16	The Fillmore	Detroit
The Struts	June 18	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
The Struts	June 20	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
The Struts	June 23	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
The Struts	July 11	The Bluestone	Columbus, OH
Swell Season	Aug. 18	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Sylvan Esso	Aug. 14	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Sylvan Esso	Aug. 15	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
T-Pain	June 13	The Fillmore	Detroit
T-Pain	June 14	Riviera Theatre	Chicago
T.G. Sheppard & T. Graham Brown	June 16	Blue Gate PAC	Shipshewana
TLC & Shaggy	June 21	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
TLC & Shaggy	June 23	Credit Union 1 Amp.	Tinley Park, IL
TLC & Shaggy	June 24	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville
TLC & Shaggy	June 25	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Taylor Swift	June 10	Ford Field	Detroit
Taylor Swift	July 1	Paycor Stadium	Cincinnati
Ted Nugent	Aug. 11	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
The Temptations	July 29	The Clyde Theatre	Fort Wayne
Tesla w/Buckcherry, Saving Abel	Aug. 5	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
Texas Hippie Coalition w/Gravel, Seven Stones	June 9	The Eclectic Room	Angola
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	July 28	United Center	Chicago
Thomas Rhett, Cole Swindell, & Nate Smith	July 29	Van Andel Arena	Grand Rapids
TobyMac	Aug. 12	Mercer County Fairgrounds	Celina, OH
Tom Keifer w/John Corabi	Aug. 12	Honeywell Center	Wabash
Tori Amos	July 9	Meadow Brook Amphitheatre	Rochester, MI
Tori Amos	July 11	Old National Centre	Indianapolis
Train w/Better Than Ezra	Aug. 9	Foellinger Theatre	Fort Wayne
Twice	June 28	United Center	Chicago
Two Friends	June 8	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Two Friends	June 9	The Fillmore	Detroit
Two Friends	June 12	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Tyler Childers	June 8	The Salt Shed	Chicago
Tyler Childers	June 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Underoath & The Ghost Inside	July 16	The Salt Shed	Chicago
The Used & Pierce the Veil	June 17	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
The Used & Pierce the Veil	June 19	GLC Live at 20 Monroe	Grand Rapids
The Used & Pierce the Veil	June 21	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Vanilla Ice	July 15	Plymouth Motor Speedway	Plymouth
Volbeat	July 30	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Walker Hayes	Aug. 4	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Walker Hayes	Aug. 5	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Wavves	June 9	Metro	Chicago
Wavves	June 10	EI Club	Detroit
Wavves	June 11	Beachland Ballroom	Cleveland
We Are the Union	July 5	House of Blues	Cleveland
Weezer	July 9	Hard Rock Live Northern Indiana	Gary
Weezer & Modest Mouse	June 16	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Weezer & Modest Mouse	June 18	Pine Knob Music Theatre	Clarkston, MI
Willie Nelson's Outlaw Country Festival	Aug. 11	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Willie Nelson's Outlaw Country Festival	Aug. 13	Riverbend Music Center	Cincinnati
WonderRoad Festival	June 17-18	Garfield Park	Indianapolis
Yellowcard	July 12	Blossom Music Center	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
Yellowcard	July 13	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Yellowcard	July 16	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Young the Giant	June 16	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Young the Giant	June 17	Kemba Live!	Columbus, OH
Young the Giant	June 20	Andrew J. Brady Music Center	Cincinnati
Young the Giant	June 21	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Young the Giant	June 23	Huntington Bank Pavilion	Chicago
Young the Giant	June 25	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Yungblud	July 7	Michigan Lottery Amp.	Sterling Heights, MI
Yungblud	July 8	TCU Amphitheater	Indianapolis
Yungblud	July 11	Jacobs Pavilion	Cleveland
Zac Brown Band	June 30	Nationwide Arena	Columbus, OH
Zac Brown Band	Aug. 6	Ruoff Music Center	Noblesville

Road Trips

LOCAL ACTS ON TOUR

Austin Marsh	
July 14	JJ Winns Restaurant & Lounge, Montpelier, OH
July 28	Dark Horse Social Club, Defiance, OH
Aug. 11	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
Aug. 13	The Lamplighter Bar & Grill, Coldwater, MI
Sept. 16	Howie's on Hamilton, Hamilton
Oct. 14	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
Dec. 8	Kora Brew House and Wine Bar, Bryan, OH
The Bulldogs	
June 11	Elwood in the Park, Elwood
June 17	CoColo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 15	Greenwood Acres Family Campground, Jackson, MI
July 17	Madison County Fair, Alexandria
July 22	Downtown Hartford City, Hartford City
July 27	Downtown South Whitley
July 29	Hickory Acres Campground, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 11	Bethel Pointe, Muncie
Aug. 18	Elkhart County Fairgrounds, Goshen
Aug. 25	Quincy Village Park, Quincy, MI
Sept. 2	Fish Lake Family Resort, Fremont
Sept. 3	Ligonier Marshmallow Festival, Ligonier
Sept. 7	Roann Covered Bridge Festival, Roann
Sept. 9	Matthews Covered Bridge Festival
Sept. 15	Flatrock Creek Festival, Paulding, OH
Sept. 16	Nappanee Apple Festival, Nappanee
Sept. 22	Ducktail Run, Gas City
Oct. 28	Alexandria Eagles, Alexandria
Dec. 31	Fremont Moose Lodge, Fremont

Hubie Ashcraft Band	
June 17	Landeck Tavern, Delphos, OH
July 2	CoColo's RV Campground, Lagro
July 7	Michiana Event Center, Shipshewana
July 20	Edgerton Days, Edgerton, OH
Aug. 4	Little Nashville Festival, Ottawa, OH
Aug. 11	Edon Days, Edon, OH
Aug. 13	Clear Lake Kasota Island, Fremont
Aug. 17	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Sept. 3	Moose Lodge 1473, Celina, OH
Sept. 29	Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 3	Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Nov. 17	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
Nov. 18	Five Star Dive Bar, Elkhart
Nov. 24	Lori's Roadhouse, Cincinnati
Nov. 25	The Distillery, Toledo
Dec. 8	The Junction, Lansing, MI
Dec. 15	Country Heritage Winery, Nashville, IN
Dec. 22	McSobser's Saloon, Coldwater, OH

Necromoon	
June 22	Liar's Club, Chicago
June 23	The Pyramid Scheme, Grand Rapids
June 24	B-Nektar, Ferndale, MI

Neon Straightjackets	
June 24	Ottawa Tavern, Toledo

Red-Eye Lorelai	
Aug. 4	Van Buren Popcorn Festival, Van Buren
Oct. 14	River's Edge Campground and Resort, Pioneer, OH
Oct. 28	Eagles Post 2233, Bryan, OH
Dec. 31	Eagles Post 2233, Bryan, OH

Tom Koenig	
June 11	Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH
June 15	Bent Prop Pub, Coldwater, MI
June 29	Boardwalk Grill, Celina, OH

We Are Checkmark	
June 10	Clear Lake Yacht Club, Fremont

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Art & Exhibits

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Art Deco Glass — 120 works on display including those from Rene Lalique, Daum Nancy, and Pierre D'Avesne, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Fridays, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sundays, through Aug. 6**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Below the Surface: A Deep “See” — Bill Dutterer's exploration of human condition through elegant minimalism, funky renewed figuration, and cryptic personal iconography, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through July 2**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Color in Motion: Butterfly Exhibit — Observe exotic butterflies emerge from their chrysalides amid multicolored flowers and foliage, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through June 25**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Early Brown County Artists — More than 100 pieces drawn from private collections, showcases the artists that came to Brown County in the first half of the 20th Century, **5-8 p.m. Friday; 4-7 p.m. Saturday through July 1**, Garrett Museum of Art, Garrett, free admission, kwallace@gmoa@gmail.com

Miró in New York, 1947 — Exhibit focuses on Spanish surrealist painter Joan Miró's time in New York when he made experimental intaglio prints at the legendary print shop Atelier 17, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through June 25**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

Natural Appeal: Differing Approaches to the Landscape — Assortment of landscapes from permanent collection, spanning more than 200 years and 15 mediums, **10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday, through Sept. 17**, Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Fort Wayne, \$8-\$10, (260) 422-6467

PFW Juried Student Art Exhibition — Art and design students' juried exhibition with awards by professional artist/adjudicator, **8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, through Aug. 11**, PFW Visual Arts Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 481-6709

Return to Sender — Solo exhibit by Jeff Schofield regarding pollution and nature, **11 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, through June 17**, Bread & Circus Art Gallery, Fort Wayne, free admission, bcgallery2020@gmail.com

Roman F. Miller: Landscape Architecture & Art — Hailing from Sister City Gera, Germany, Miller's photographs emphasize change and a lack of control with light and shadow effects in the moment, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday; and noon-4 p.m. Sunday, through Aug. 13**, Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory, Fort Wayne, \$5-\$7, (260) 427-6440

Sharmalene Gunawardena Photography — Local photographer's pieces up through month of June, **4 p.m.-1 a.m. Sunday-Tuesday; 4 p.m.-3 a.m. Wednesday-Saturday through June 30**, Henry's, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 426-5031

Spring Palette — Contemporary impressionism, plein air, and abstract paintings from acclaimed local and national artists, **noon-5 p.m. Wednesday; 11**

a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Castle Gallery Fine Art, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 426-6568

Unity With Variety — Hilarie Couture exhibit features 52 portraits of people living in Fort Wayne and video interviews, highlighting diversity in the community, **8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, through June 18**, Honeywell Center Clark Gallery, Wabash, free admission, (260) 563-1102

ART EVENTS

Art05 Studio Collective Open Studio — Meet with artists and purchase their work, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 17**, Reclaimed Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 244-8999

Covington Art Fair — Show returns for 31st year with juried fine artists from across country, **10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 24; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Covington Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, covingtonartfair@asheragency.com

Art on Broadway — Gallery crawl along Broadway corridor with each spot hosting local art pop-up or artist showcase, **5-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22**, Broadway corridor, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 417-5925

Broadway Street Stroll — Galleries host local art pop-ups or showcase artists, with many offering art activities or demonstrations, **1-5 p.m. Sunday, July 23**, Broadway corridor, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 417-5925

Taste of the Arts — Artwork, music, comedy, theater, dance, and more at The Landing, Promenade Park, Rousseau Plaza, and the Arts Campus, **11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26**, The Landing, Promenade Park, Arts Campus, Rousseau Plaza, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 424-0646

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Premier Pastel Society of Indiana — Nonprofit art association of regional artists is seeking artists 18 and older for exhibit opportunities, painting excursions and education. For more information, contact hilariecouture@gmail.com.

Fort Wayne Artists Guild — The local guild is seeking members looking to further their artistic knowledge, share work, and take part in local exhibits. All skill levels are accepted, you just must be 18 years old to join. For more information, go to www.fortwayneartistsguild.org

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

45th Annual Artlink Members' Showcase — Exhibition is open to all mediums, offering an opportunity to view works of artists Fort Wayne and the surrounding area, **10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Noon-5 p.m. Sunday, June 15-July 16**, Artlink, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 424-7195

Beyond Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience — Walk through painter's works like *Starry Night*, *Sunflowers*, and *Cafe Terrace at Night* as they are projected from floor to ceiling, **10 a.m.-7 p.m. Sunday; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday; and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday-Saturday; from June 24-Aug. 10, closed July 4**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, \$19.99-\$83.99, (260) 483-1111

Frank Louis Allen Exhibit — Originally from Biggleswade, United Kingdom, Allen is a legally blind artist that has been shown in Washington, D.C.; New York; and abroad, **6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7**, The Garden, Fort Wayne, free admission, (260) 639-6557

Stage & Dance

LOCAL CALENDAR

NOW PLAYING

Disney's The Little Mermaid — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre takes on animated film with a fly system that gives Scuttle, the seagull, wings and Ariel the chance to swim to the surface, **2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 8; 8 p.m. Friday, June 9; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$30-\$60, (574) 267-8041

The Hunchback of Notre Dame w/organist Clark Wilson — First film in series that celebrates silent era stars Lon Chaney with accompaniment by the Grande Page Pipe organ, **3 p.m. Sunday, June 11**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Dances of Universal Peace Midwest Retreat — A blend of chant, live music, and simple movements in an experience of unity, peace, and integration, **9 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday-Monday, June 30-July 3**, Dance Collective Studios, Fort Wayne, \$125, monnierliz@gmail.com

Summer Musical Theatre Intensive — For high school students with week of classes and workshops provided by Ball State faculty and guest clinicians, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, July 24-29; and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 30**, Three Rivers Music Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$300, info@threeriversmusictheatre.com

UPCOMING PRODUCTIONS

JUNE

Jimmy Buffett's Escape to Margaritaville — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre production about part-time bartender and singer on an island paradise who meets a beautiful, career-driven tourist, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 15; 8 p.m. Friday, June 16; 7 p.m. Saturday, June 17; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 18; 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 20; 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 21; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, June 22; 8 p.m. Friday,**

June 23; and 7 p.m. Saturday, June 24, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

Tick, Tick ... Boom! — Autobiographical tale of Rent composer Jonathan Larson and the sacrifices he made to achieve his big break, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; 1 p.m. Sunday, June 25; and 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 30-July 1**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

In Review: Celebrating 25 Years of Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre — Celebration of cabaret covering songs from the last 25 years, featuring current and former Summer Music Theatre performers, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 16-17**, RKF Studios, Fort Wayne, imtfinc@gmail.com

A Star's Born: The Concert — Songs from each version of film and soundtrack of "A Star Is Born," including "The Man That Got Away," "Shallow," and the Oscar-winning "Evergreen," **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24; 2 p.m. Sunday, June 25**; First Presbyterian Theater, Fort Wayne, \$10-\$15, (260) 422-4226

Splashes of Color: A Celebration of Jazz — Vocal Artists of Heartland Sings, along with the Heartland Sings Jazz Orchestra, will perform a variety of songs culminating in the Midwest premiere of *Mass in Blue* by composer Will Todd, **7:30 p.m. Friday, June 23**, PFW Auer Performance Center, Fort Wayne, \$25-\$30, (260) 436-8080

The Big Gay Cabaret — Celebrate Pride Month with iconic hits from pop music, stage, and screen, **8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 23-24**, **Three Rivers Music Theatre**, Fort Wayne, \$18.25, info@threeriversmusictheatre.com

Our Hospitality and One Week w/organist Cletus Goens — Silent film series accompanied by Grand Page Pipe organ continues with a film and short, both starring Buster Keaton, **3 p.m. Sunday, June 25**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

Kiss Me, Kate — Leading lady and her ex-husband battle on stage and off in a production of Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew* in this Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre production, **7 p.m. Thursday, June 29; 8 p.m. Friday, June 30; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 1; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 2; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 4; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 6; 8 p.m. Friday, July 7; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 8**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

JULY

The Music Man — Con man's attempt to get Iowa town to purchase band equipment before he slides out of town is foiled by love interest that helps change his ways, **7:30 p.m. July 8; 2 p.m. July 9; 7:30 p.m. July 15; 2 p.m. July 16**, PFW Auer Performance Hall, Fort Wayne, (260) 437-6825

Jesus Christ Superstar — Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre takes on Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice rock opera loosely based on the Gospels that follow last week of Jesus Christ's life, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 13; 8 p.m. Friday, July 14; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 15; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 18; 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 19; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, July 20; 8 p.m. Friday, July 21; and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 22**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

The Phantom of the Opera — Fort Wayne Summer Music Theatre marks its 25th season with Andrew Lloyd Webber's iconic musical, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 14-15; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22; and 2 p.m. Sunday, July 23**, North Side High School, Fort Wayne, imtfinc@gmail.com

The Ten Commandments w/organist Clark Wilson — Silent film series with accompaniment by Grande Page Pipe organ stars Theodore Roberts in two-part story, **3 p.m. Sunday, July 16**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

Little Shop of Horrors — Sci-fi horror musical about a man-eating plant, **7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 23**, Gaslight Playhouse, Community Learning Center, Kendallville, \$15-\$17, (260) 544-3455

Wait Until Dark — A sinister con man and two ex-convicts are about to meet their match when they come across a blind woman determined to prove her husband's innocence in this Wagon Wheel Professional Theatre show, **7 p.m. Thursday, July 27; 8 p.m. Friday, July 28; 7 p.m. Saturday, July 29; 2 p.m. Sunday, July 30; 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1; 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3; 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4; 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5**, Wagon Wheel Theatre, Warsaw, \$20-\$50, (574) 267-8041

AUGUST

Ripcord — Competition between senior living facility roommates reveals deep truths they'd like to keep secret, dinner and a show, **7 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Aug. 4-5; Friday-Saturday Aug. 11-12; 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13; 7 p.m. Friday-Saturday Aug. 18-19**, Arena Dinner Theatre, Fort Wayne, (260) 422-4226

Why Worry? and Bumping Into Broadway w/organist Clark Wilson — Final installment of silent film series with Grande Page Pipe organ includes a feature film and short film, each starring Harold Lloyd, **3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6**, Embassy Theatre, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 424-5665

The Great DuBois Variety Show — Two-person circus show with juggling, hula hoops, unicycle, aerial, circus stunts, contortion, magic, and comedy, **2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10**, Eagles Theatre, Wabash, \$19-\$39, (260) 563-1102

Things To Do

LOCAL CALENDAR

CURRENT

Chain O' Lakes Festival — Live music, tours of Old Jail Museum, and a 4 p.m. parade on Saturday, June 10, **5 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 8-9; and 8 a.m. Saturday, June 10**, Downtown Albion, free, (260) 347-7927

teds Food Truck Thursday — Enjoy food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 8**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Mainstay's Littlest Music Makers — Board-certified music therapist helps children up to 3 years old facilitate positive interactions and support developmental growth with each of the four 45-minute Friday classes, **9 a.m.-11 a.m. Friday, June 9**, Mainstay Music Therapy, Fort Wayne, \$50, (260) 409-8246

Wild Walkers: Robb Hidden Canyon — Adult hiking group meets on second and fourth Friday of month to visit different area of northeast Indiana, carpooling from Salomon Farm Park, **8:45 a.m. Friday, June 9**, Robb Hidden Canyon, Hamilton, free, (260) 427-5023

Huntington Trails Beer & Wine Festival — Sample drinks from Indiana wineries, distilleries and breweries from across the country with live music and a silent auction, **6-10 p.m. Friday, June 9**, Huntington County Fairgrounds, Huntington, \$10-\$45, (260) 355-5103

Allen County Marketplace — Shop craft, food, and other vendors and enjoy live music at monthly event, **9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 10**, Huntertown Family Park, Huntertown, free, allencomarketplace@gmail.com

Explorer Day — Family event packed with educational activities, games, and performances with more than 30 local businesses and nonprofits on hand, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, Parkview Field, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 484-8839

Back to the Bricks — More than 300 vehicles in downtown tour, Hippie Market, walking tour, food trucks, and live music, **11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, downtown Auburn, free, (260) 920-4109

Solfest — Live music, kayaking, vendors, food trucks, and more as a fundraiser for Fox Island and Metea county parks, **11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, June 10**, Metea County Park, Leo-Cedarville, \$10, (260) 494-6905

Luau & Spring Benefit for Bikers Against Predators — Annual party for those at least 21 years old with music and food, **3 p.m.-midnight Saturday, June 10**, Pike's Pub & Grub, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 478-6200

Plants on the Patio — Bring a Start, Take a Start table for trading plants with local vendors, and Club Room at The Clyde mobile bar, **10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, June 11**, Crescendo Coffee & More, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 408-8358

Second Sunday Creative Makers Market — Shop crafts, vintage tools, vacuum cleaners, sewing machines, clothing, and furniture and also take part in games and tours, **1-5 p.m. Sunday, June 11**, TekVenture, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 341-4875

2023 Gene Marcus Piano Camp & Festival — Workshops, master classes, group sessions, and individual lessons during six-day camp for intermediate to advanced pianists in grades 7-12, **3-7:30**

p.m. Sunday, June 11; 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 12-15; and 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Friday, June 16, PFW Rhinehart Music Center, Fort Wayne, \$399-\$499, (260) 481-6059

Sweetwater Rock Camp — During five-day camp, musicians between 12 and 18 years old build a band, write and produce a song, record in professional studio, and perform at state-of-the-art venue, **10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 12-16; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 26-30; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 10-14; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 24-28; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 31-Aug. 4**, Sweetwater Sound, Fort Wayne, \$449, (260) 432-8176

Trek the Trails: Indian Trails Park — Family-friendly bike ride, 7-9 miles with average speed of 10-12 mph, although no one is left behind, bring helmet and water, **6 p.m. Tuesday, June 13**, Indian Trails Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 969-0079

Fort Wayne Flax and Fleecers Spinning Guild — June's meeting covers art yarn and core spun yarn, **7 p.m. Tuesday, June 13**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 489-5367

Vera Bradley Annual Outlet Sale — Popular bag and luggage brand returns for event that draws thousands from around country, **7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, June 14-16; 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, June 17; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 18**, Memorial Coliseum, Fort Wayne, free-\$6, (260) 483-1111

Union 12 Food Truck Night — Food and dessert trucks accompanied by vendors and the live music of The Hubie Ashcraft Band, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 14**, Union 12, Columbia City, free, (260) 203-0239

FARMERS MARKETS

Downtown Wabash Farmers Market — Find products like fresh produce, organic meats, homemade ice cream, hand-poured candles and soap, pottery, and metal and wood works, **8 a.m.-noon Saturdays through Sept. 30**, Honeywell Center, Wabash, free, (260) 563-0975

Fort Wayne's Farmers Market — Farm foods, baked goods, homemade natural items, and unique works from regional artisans, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday**, Electric Works, Fort Wayne, contact@ftwaynesfarmersmarket.com

South Side Farmers Market — Shop locally grown produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, plants, crafts, jewelry, and more at market celebrating its 97th year, **8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through Dec. 16**, South Side Farmers Market, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 310-9499

Ylni Farmers Market — Produce, baked goods, jewelry, honey, pony rides, **9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday**, Barr and Wayne streets, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

Ylni Wednesday Market — Fresh produce, locally sourced meat, and crafts, **4-7 p.m. Wednesday, through Aug. 30**, History Center, Fort Wayne, free, market@ylni.org

Salomon Farmers Market — Fresh produce, baked goods, honey, artisan crafts, and tractor rides, **4-7 p.m. Wednesday, through Sept. 6**, Salomon Farm Park, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6000

STORYTIME AT THE PARK

Storytime at the Park — All ages welcome to read, sing, dance, and play at parks across Allen County, sponsored by Allen County Public Library, free, (260) 436-8080

Thursdays through July 27, Leo-Cedarville Town Park, **10-10:30 a.m.**

Fridays through July 28, Jack R. Harris Park, Grabill, **10-10:30 a.m.**

Fridays through July 28, Kreager Park, Fort Wayne, **10:15-10:45 a.m.**

Mondays through July 31, Franklin School Park, Fort Wayne, **10:30-11 a.m.**

Mondays through July 31, Schnelker Park, New Haven, **11-11:30 a.m.**

Wednesdays through Aug. 30, Promenade Park, Fort Wayne, **10-10:30 a.m.**

RECURRING EVENTS

Fitness Park Drop-In Classes — Learn to strengthen and tone your muscles using resistance train every Monday, **9:30 a.m.-10:15 am Mondays through June 12**, Community Center, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 427-6460

Country/Hip-Hop Beginner Line Dancing — Get some exercise and learn a few moves, **7 p.m. Thursdays**, Charlie's Place, Fort Wayne, free, (260) 222-7302

Sunshine Yoga w/Tara Lynn — Start weekend off by centering mind and body, **11 a.m. Saturdays**, Studio7, Fort Wayne, \$10, (260) 312-0964

SPECTATOR SPORTS

BASEBALL

TinCaps — Upcoming home games at Parkview Field, Fort Wayne

Tuesday, June 13, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 14, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**

Thursday, June 15, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**

Friday, June 16, vs. Dayton, **7:05 p.m.**

Saturday, June 17, vs. Dayton, **6:35 p.m.**

Sunday, June 18, vs. Dayton, **1:05 p.m.**

ROLLER DERBY

Fort Wayne Roller Derby — Upcoming home games at SportONE Parkview Field-house, Fort Wayne

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Fort Wayne Football Club — Upcoming home games at University of Saint Francis' Bishop D'Arcy Stadium, Fort Wayne

Sunday, June 11, vs. Kings Hammer FC, **5 p.m.**

Sunday, June 18, vs. FC Buffalo, **4 p.m.**

Friday, June 23, vs. Inter Detroit, **8 p.m.**

Sunday, June 25, vs. Cleveland Force SC, **5 p.m.**

Wednesday, June 28, vs. Dayton Dutch Lions, **7 p.m.**

Sunday, July 2, vs. Toledo Villa FC, **5 p.m.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

BBQ Ribfest — Four days of live music and barbecue served up by award-winning teams from across the country, **11:30 a.m.-midnight Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17; 11:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Sunday, June 18**; Headwaters Park, Fort Wayne, \$3-\$6, ribfestatheadwaterspark@gmail.com

teds Food Truck Thursday — Enjoy food trucks, drinks, and live music, **5-9 p.m. Thursday, June 15**, teds beerhall, Fort Wayne, free, (888) 260-0351

Zoofari — Food and drinks from more than 50 local establishments, live music, and animals at fundraiser, **5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, June 15**, Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, \$85-\$175 (21-and-over only), (260) 427-6800

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